

THAT THE CAUSE OF THE VIOLENCE WAS THE DRUNKEN AND ANARCHIC ELEMENT IS NOT TRUE. THERE WAS NO SPONTANEITY IN THE ANARCHY. THE WHOLE MISERABLE EPISODE WAS EXECUTED BY THE POLITICAL ANARCHISTS OF THE LEFT-WING POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. PEOPLE ARE NOT BLIND. PEOPLE ARE NOT STUPID.

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THE TRUTH

For those who follow faithfully in the footsteps of the kuffaar political leaders, the Qur'aan Majed says:

"THOSE WHO TAKE AS THEIR FRIENDS THE KAAFIREEN BESIDES THE MU'MINEEN, DO THEY SEARCH BY THEM HONOUR? VERILY, ALL IZZAT BELONGS TO ALLAH."

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P.E. DEVASTATED BY POLITICAL ANARCHY

A Port Elizabeth, with its Northern Areas shattered and devastated by an orgy of political anarchy, vandalism, hooliganism, pillage and plunder, never before experienced in these areas, must surely be involved in much soul-searching. People are thinking. People are asking. People want to know the causes underlying the senseless and vile acts of hooliganism which the world has last week witnessed with horror.

There is no gainsaying that the acts of vandalism, hooliganism, pillage and plunder were by far and large executed by the hooligan and skollie element. While this is indisputable, the claim that the skollie element was the engineer of the unrest and violence is totally unacceptable and must be outrightly rejected with contempt. While organized gangsterism did take advantage of the situation, the masters of the unrest were not these uneducated and illiterate dagga-smoking skollies. An intelligent reflection and survey of the unrest will reveal the conspiratorial operation of much more sinister forces than the skollie element. The systematic procedure of the pillage, plunder and arson indicates the hands of planned anarchy pulling the strings and directing the operations of the skollies. Only those who wish to deliberately remain blind will deny this truth.

The forewarnings and threats of arson made by reckless members of political organizations to some shopkeepers in the area, the systematic erection of street-barricades and then the sudden outbreak of the violence on such a massive and wide scale spanning an area of 20 kilometres, all belie the assertion that the ignorant and the drunken element was responsible for a conflagration of such tumultuous proportions.

Further, the fact that the present violence was the aftermath of political rallies of organizations on the left of the political spectrum adds weight to the argument that the violence, the pillage, the plunder and the evil witnessed by the world last week were part of the huge conspiracy of anarchy and chaos which political anarchists on the left are engineering. No one should remain blind to this fact.

Seventy eight shops were torched, vandalised and looted. Why did the local ANC executive deem it fit to create vigilante groups to control the elements of plunder-the skollies only at that belated stage? Why did the ANC and its other underlying bodies not attempt to 'persuade' its people to refrain from their evil acts of plunder in the very beginning-when the very first shop was burnt and looted? Why did the local ANC have to wait first for so many lives to be lost before it decided to embark on an effort to restore some aspects of humanity in a dehumanised element? Were all of its members so blind that they could not see the street barricades, the arson, the looting, the destruction and the plunder? Yes, why did the ANC wait until the havoc assumed such heart-rending proportions?

Scores of shops and houses were utterly destroyed; rampaging mobs went from one orgy of destruction to another, yet these political organizations on the left call on the police to adopt a 'low profile'. The local ANC and its affiliate members have 'appealed' for armed people to show restraint. They indeed lack vision and are extremely naive to say the least. Must innocent people stand by idly and observe their properties go up in flames at the hands of rampaging mobs of hoodlums? Must

innocent people stand by idly while their lives are threatened by thugs and elements of vandalism? Ask those who have lost their properties, their businesses, their vehicles and their homes. Ask those who were surrounded by rampaging mobs. Ask those who were under siege for days by stone-throwing mobs of hoodlums shouting 'Viva ANC! Ask those who witnessed with their eyes how their properties were consumed by the fires ignited by hoodlums and political hooligans armed with petrol bombs. Is this what is called the light for freedom? Is this the struggle against oppression? Yes, ask those who have suffered at the hands of the political anarchists if the police should adopt a 'low profile' whatever this may mean.

In fact, the overwhelming majority of the law-abiding community-both Muslim and Christian-is highly displeased with the 'low profile' display of the police. It is the honest feeling of most people that the police did not react in time nor did the police react with sufficient force to deter the hoodlums of anarchy and chaos. Why was it possible for rampaging mobs to wrought devastation on such a massive scale when the police had an efficient police force and army at its disposal? Political pressure and mis-directed world criticism have constrained the security forces to adopt the 'low profile' which was quite conspicuous in the riot-situation. Yet, in spite of the wide-scale plunder and destruction, political organizations on the left are calling for a low police profile.

The call for the police to show a 'low profile' is part of the conspiracy to allow arsonists, looters, plunderers and hoodlums unrestrained movement in the execution of their nefarious operations of destruction and devastation.

Unwinding out of business places for destruction provides a further clue to indicate that the engineers of the plot were not just the street hooligans. The systematic destruction of business premises leads to the conclusion that the anti-capitalist socialists on the left of the political spectrum were responsible for this great misdeed of destruction. These evil tactics are among the methods of communism. People of intelligence are not blind. People of intelligence cannot accept the superficial slogans of peace raised by the forces of anarchy and chaos. Mob-violence is the hall-mark of communist tactics. Order and discipline, peace and calm must be destroyed in the pursuit of the political aims of men inebriated with a lust for political power and aggrandizement. The blame should, therefore, not be laid on the skollie element. The blame for the present unrest, violence and pillage settles squarely on the shoulders of the political anarchists on the left wing.

That non-whites have valid grievances is accepted. That injustices have been perpetrated by the rulers of the country is not denied. But the grievances which people have are no justification for hooliganism, pillage and plunder. Grievances cannot be solved by plundering the shops of the business community. The wrongs of the ruling authorities cannot be set right by burning and looting the shops, houses and properties of others. And, this applies to all communities. It does not matter whether the man is black or white, whether he is a supporter of the

government or not, his life, property and honour are sacred. These are sacrosanct trusts which all human beings who cherish any transcendental values, must respect and honour. A man's property cannot be burnt and looted if he disagrees with communist policies. People's properties and lives cannot be plundered because they refuse to associate themselves with the policies, methods and aims of the political organizations on the left of the political spectrum. But that is exactly what has happened in the worst violence which Port Elizabeth has experienced. The properties of people were looted and burnt because they were deemed to be unsympathetic towards the policies of the communist anarchists.

We say to those political organizations who have engineered the sad devastation and destruction of the P.E. Northern Areas that you cannot win the support and the sympathy of people by the employment of such methods of anarchy, pillage and plunder. Civilized people abhor the methods of hoodlums-evil methods which were utilized in the name of the struggle for humanity and civilization do not condone the ways of thugs and bandits. The violence which has targeted innocent people and their homes and businesses for devastation and destruction.

After days of rioting and rampaging by mobs of hoodlums raising the battle-cries of the ANC, after scores of shops were totally gutted and looted and after dozens of lives were lost as a result of defensive action by beleaguered shopkeepers, members of the local ANC executive interviewed some Muslim defenders with a view to achieve a restoration of order and peace. The feelings of the ANC members were that defenders had provoked the masses by their display of arms and that the defenders were too quick to use their weapons.

Such feelings which the ANC members expressed are baseless and demonstrate the misconceived picture of the riot-situation which they had conjectured. Who can dispute that the shooting by defenders of their properties took place only after dozens of shops were destroyed by the acts of the rampaging mobs perpetrating pillage and plunder in the name of the ANC? The logic of those who accuse the defenders of provocation is incomprehensible. Defenders were compelled to open up fire when barrages of stones were flung at their properties. The pattern of destruction which the anarchists had adopted was too familiar. First comes the barrage of stones which smashes the glass fronts. Second follows the howling mobs with its 'Viva ANC' cries. Third, comes the dismantling of the security gates which protect the premises. Fourth follows the invasion by the murderous mob of hoodlums. Fifth comes the looting and finally the burning of the premises by petrol bombs. All stock is firstly removed and then the place is torched.

There was no spontaneity in the whole tragic and murderous operation which undoubtedly was the work of political anarchists. The whole villainous episode of pillage and plunder has the hallmarks of planning-planning and plotting by political anarchists.

RENT INCREASE

Some have attributed the mayhem and carnage in Port Elizabeth to increases in municipal house rents. While it must be acknowledged that the municipality is very insensitive and indifferent to the non-white citizens of Port Elizabeth, we must say that this argument is an insult to intelligence.

If an unkind municipality increases rents, by what stretch of reasoning is the burning and looting of the properties of businessmen justified? Those who had their shops burnt have been serving these very same areas for decades. There is absolutely no link in the municipal rent-increase and the shops which were plundered and burnt. There is not a single legitimate argument to justify the pillage and plunder which the political anarchists unleashed against the business community. If they have, let them speak up and argue their case intelligently. But people who resort to the dirty methods and cowardly and murderous acts which the world has observed with shock and dismay, are bereft of intelligence. They are incapable of intelligent reasoning.

No one should be fooled by the rent-increase argument. That the rent-increase was a callous act, a misdeed and an insensitive gesture by the municipality, there is no denying. There exists unanimity in the entire community of non-whites that the P.E. Municipality is unkind, insensitive and not well-disposed to the interests of the masses. But, this is no justification for burning and looting the shops of non-white businessmen. In fact it is no justification for burning and looting the shops of even white businessmen. No matter what the grievance is, anarchy, pillage and plunder can never be justified no matter against which community or racial group these murderous and cowardly acts are directed.

MR SLINGERS

Another cause advanced for the recent rioting and looting is the failure of the authorities to immediately appoint Mr. Slingers of Uitenhage as the school's principal. This argument is indeed stupid. It is ludicrous for people of intelligence to even consider this as being a factor contributing towards the chaos which we have experienced the past week.

If the authorities have failed to appoint Mr. Slingers as the school principal, what justification does such action provide for the looting and burning of 78 shops in another city? What is the mystery link?

JAHLIYYAH

For those Muslims who follow in the footsteps of non-Muslim political organizations, the Qur'aan says:

"What! Do you search for the law of Jahiliyyah? Whose Law is more beautiful than the Law of Allah for a people who has firm faith?"

CITY COUNCIL

Labour Party leader, Rev. Allan Hendrickse claims that the City Councils are to blame for the unrest. This argument is unacceptable. While no one denies the fact that the councils are indifferent, unkind and insensitive, it is not sensible to argue that the marauding mobs of looters burnt and destroyed 78 shops all belonging to non-white businessmen because of the intransigent and indifferent attitudes of the various councils associated with the rulers. There is absolutely no justification for the acts of plunder which the political anarchists have perpetrated.

It goes without gainsaying that non-white people including ourselves have no love for the city council or for the management committees. In fact, most people cherish hatred for the city council and the management committees. But, the fact remains that there is no link between such hatred for the city council and the looting and burning of the non-white shops by marauding mobs of non-whites.

SHOOTING

One ANC comrade said that Muslim Defenders were shooting at Comrades. Well, the comrade should understand that if comrades are bent on looting and burning the properties of innocent people, then they will be shot at. Being an ANC comrade is no licence for looting and arson.

JOINING ANC

Q. Muslims are asking if it is permissible to join the ANC which is waging the struggle against oppression in this country. According to Islam will it be permissible to join?

A. It is not permissible for Muslims to join the ANC or any of the non-Muslim political parties. Grievances, no matter how valid, do not justify un-Islamic methods

ANC

A significant feature of the riots was that shops displaying the ANC emblem were spared and cars bearing ANC posters were allowed unrestricted movement through the riot-torn areas.

NON-MUSLIM POLITICS AND OUR PATH

The stark reality of the methods employed by left-wing political organizations has displayed its horror. The havoc and devastation in the Northern Areas of Port Elizabeth bear grim testimony to what is yet to come. Destabilization is the aim of the political anarchists. In their endeavours to attain their political goals, anarchy, pillage and plunder are fair methods for politicians who are bereft of any transcendental values. The respect, honour, the life and property of people are considered legitimate game for plundering.

The heart-rending events which have transpired last week should open up the eyes and the brains of those Muslims who have been clamouring for participation in left wing politics. Murder, anarchy, chaos, pillage and plunder are all the antithesis of Islamic values. It is not possible for Muslims to associate with such systems of political anarchy. It is haram for Muslims to participate in the political activities of left wing political organizations.

Some misguided Muslims, lacking in vision and foresight, have called for 'side by side' politics. But Islam forbids its adherents to enmesh themselves in such 'side by side' politics which engineer chaos and anarchy in the land. True, Islam condemns oppression in all its forms, injustices are not condoned. But Islam NEVER provides licences for the commission of acts of barbarity, vandalism, pillage and plunder. The misdeeds perpetrated by the political anarchists can never find room for operation in Islam.

Muslims must beware of the misleading direction which some Muslim politicians are presenting. Their rhetoric is misleading and dubious. They couch their aims and objects in Islamic guise to lure innocent Muslims into their traps of moral and spiritual destruction.

The Muslim community is an orderly and a religious community. It has lofty values which it cherishes. Life and property, honour and respect of people are all sacrosanct to Muslims. A Muslim is under Deeni obligation to honour all human beings. A Muslim cannot have ill-designs on the life and property of others. A Muslim, therefore, cannot be a party to any political system which advocates anarchy and chaos in the land.

Fighting for freedom means something else to a Muslim. Fighting for a political system demanding 'one man one vote', is not part of Islamic demand. Islam does not believe in one man one vote system. In fact, Muslims are not interested in voting for any non-Muslim set-up. The Muslims in this country are a minority community which is not permitted by its religion to engage in anarchy. The struggle of left wing political organizations is not Jihad as some misguided and miserable Muslim politicians attempt to convey. The Muslim community in South Africa has no Islamic duty of waging Jihad against the rulers of the country. While Jihad is a Fard-e-Kifaayah obligation on the Ummah on a global basis, it is not the obligation of minority communities residing in non-Muslim lands. Islam commands that Muslim countries wage perpetual Jihad against non-Muslim lands for the sake of establishing the Word of Allah Azza Wa Jal. It is therefore the sacred duty of Muslim countries to wage Jihad against non-Muslim lands even if such lands do not initiate hostilities against Islamic lands. The aim of Jihad is to bring the non-Muslim world under Islamic domination. Although this is an Islamic demand, the Muslim world of today is too decrepit and impotent to execute this sacred obligation. Jihad is not to gain the forcible conversion of non-Muslims to Islam. Jihad is to bring the non-Muslim lands under the benign rule of the Divine Shariah so that truth, law, order and the Word of Allah reign supreme.

But such holy Jihad should never be confused with the miserable methods and struggles of political anarchists who are bent on destruction and devastation. Intimidation, inciting to anarchy and destroying the bounties of Allah Ta'ala are among the favourite methods employed by the proponents of anarchy to achieve their political goals.

Burnings, looting and plundering ordinary citizens are not the ways of Jihad. Such action is not Jihad.

The Muslim community cannot align itself with organizations which embark on the creation of mayhem. In upholding the Deen, Muslims should not submit to intimidation. That intimidation is a favourite weapon of political organizations on the left is a known fact. There is no secret about this despite vociferous denials by these organizations. While the future does look bleak, Muslims should reform their Deen life and repose their Tawakkul in Allah Ta'ala. He will protect us. Remember that the hearts of mankind are in the hands of Allah Ta'ala. He turns the hearts in whichever way He pleases. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said so. Muslims should, therefore, submit in total submission to the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and Allah's protection will be with them. The Qur'aan Majeed says in this regard:

"If Allah helps you, there will be none to overpower you. And, if He refrains from assisting you, who will then help you besides Him?"

Muslims should not fear because they happen to be a small minority surrounded by vast numbers of non-Muslims. History bears testimony that many small bands of Faithful Believers overcame huge numbers. The Qur'aan Shareef itself declares:

"HOW MANY A SMALL BAND HAS CONQUERED A LARGE GROUP WITH THE PERMISSION OF ALLAH!"

Everything which happens in this universe is by the Command of Allah Ta'ala. The destiny of creation is in His Hands. We therefore, need have no fear of creation. Cultivation of Islamic values—the Sunnah—will restore the lustre of Imaan. Power and strength will then become infused into the lifeless souls of Muslims. Fear shall then automatically depart from the Muslim's heart which has been created to contain only the Fear of Allah Ta'ala.

Large scale intimidation is being practised by political organizations to gain support and increase membership. Recruiting of members is carried out under threat of burning shops and homes. Such threats—such intimidation cannot win the hearts of people. Such intimidation cannot buy the allegiance of people. Muslim as well as many non-Muslim businessmen have refused to join as members of political organizations on the left. Threats of burning their shops were made in consequence. Their shops were razed to the ground. Their stock was plundered by the political mobs. The havoc wrought in Port Elizabeth over the past week is the grim evidence for the vile method of intimidation practised by political organizations bereft of morality and spiritual values. Godless men must only be expected to degenerate to such base and inhuman levels. But, Muslims should not fear.

Taqdeer is a fundamental article of Imaan. Belief in Predestination is of vital importance to the Muslim. What has happened has been ordained. What has been Written cannot be changed. The anarchists and the plunderers can go only as far as Allah Azza Wa Jal will allow them. We, as Muslims, as proclaimers of Shahaadat, should only rectify our bond with Allah Ta'ala and He will do the rest for us. With fatalistic determination and fanatical devotion to the Sunnah, Muslims will surmount above their foes. What has the Muslim to fear? Life and wealth are the bounties bestowed by Allah Ta'ala. He gives and He takes. We have no choice in the matter. In all circumstances we shall praise Allah and resign in contentment to His Decree.

We shall defend our values with our lives. The anarchists should get this message very clear. Death to the Muslim is a mere bridge over which we pass to meet our Beloved Allah. We, therefore, embrace death like the kuffar embrace life. In defending our lives, our property and our honour we as Muslims have two noble alternatives: Victory here or Paradise in the Hereafter. There is never a defeat for a Muslim. In both prosperity and adversity is success for him. The Muslim is either Saabir (patient) or Shaakir (grateful). In prosperity he is grateful. In adversity he is patient.

Muslims in former times were called on to make great sacrifices for their Imaan. They remained steadfast in the face of untold hardship, persecution and torture. Allah Ta'ala eventually gave them power and conquest over their enemies. Muslims of today are corrupt. They follow the kuffar in all spheres of life. Their Imaan has thus degenerated and is shorn of the Noor which is so necessary for Islamic domination.

They threaten that they will burn our homes and shops. They threaten to use AK rifles. Let them make their threats. We as Muslims shall confront such acts of cowardice with all the means at our disposal. We fear none other than Allah Azza Wa Jal. Allah Ta'ala declares in the Qur'aan Majeed:

"DO NOT FEAR THEM. FEAR ME IF INDEED YOU ARE BELIEVERS."

For us is Victory or Paradise. Death comes at its appointed time. The Qur'aan says in this regard:

"No man shall die but with the Command of Allah at the appointed time."

When Maut (death) is appointed at a pre-ordained fixed time, the Muslim has no fear for death. He cannot delay his life here on this transitory earth one moment. The methods of the anarchists cannot bring about our death before the time appointed by Allah Ta'ala. Muslims! Have no fear. Do not diverge from the Shariah to follow the misdirections offered by Muslim politicians who have strayed very far from the Deen.

Muslims have lost millions of rands in properties and stock at the hands of the political anarchists in the recent riots in Port Elizabeth. Such losses are nothing as long as our Imaan is intact. The anarchists cannot rob us of our Islamic values and of our Imaan by

their dastardly and cowardly methods and conspiracies.

The political organizations on the left suffer from a warped mentality. Everyone who refuses to join their ranks is thought to be a collaborator in oppression. While it is Islamically permissible to aid all men—Muslim and non-Muslim—in acts of humanity, it is not permissible for Muslims to join non-Muslim political organizations. Non-Muslims have their own peculiar constitutions. Muslims are governed or should be governed by their constitution, the Qur'aan. The two different constitutions are not compatible. Wherever Muslims can assist non-Muslims within the confines of the Shariah, there it is perfectly in order to provide such assistance. But, to participate as members of these organizations and engage in 'side by side' politics are not lawful for Muslims.

They speak of democracy. What do they know about democracy? Are intimidation, looting and burning property and even human beings the methods of democracy? Does democracy teach the obtaining of people's allegiance by threats of destruction and devastation? Will this be your system of government—to secure the submission of citizens to your ways of thinking by persecuting them? We are afraid that such will be the methods which communist governments will implement to compel acceptance of their decisions.

While we all share the grievances which most non-whites have in this country, we are totally at opposite poles in regard to the methods being adopted to solve the problems and to obtain redress for the grievances. We Muslims do not subscribe to burning and looting homes and shops. We do not subscribe to the method of obtaining allegiance by intimidation. We do not subscribe to one man one vote. In fact, we do not want to be part of the law-making processes of any non-Muslim government. We want a right wing or a left wing government.

Muslims should take lesson from the miserable episodes which were enacted the past week here in Port Elizabeth. We can never thank Allah Ta'ala sufficiently for having protected our lives and our families. The loss of wealth fades into nothingness when we realize the protection Allah Ta'ala gave our families and our lives.

It is imperative that Muslims dispel all shaytan foolishness and indolence. They must shun laziness and indolence. They must be perpetually on a high state of alert, both physically and spiritually. It is imperative that they work on the development of their Imaan so that Allah Ta'ala fortifies them in all ways. Muslims should not be caught off their guard. There is no one to rely on, but Allah Ta'ala. In the recent orgy of senseless violence and destruction, 78 shops were burnt down. Homes were burnt, vehicles were torched and stock was looted on a massive scale and on an organized basis. In spite of such large scale disorder and crime, the police remained incapable of containing the situation. In fact, the police could not save a single shop which was earmarked for destruction and looting by the political anarchists. Only Allah Ta'ala saved us. Only Allah Ta'ala turned the tables on the looters and the marauding mobs of destruction.

Muslims should do much soul-searching. They must reflect and take stock of themselves. It is no use throwing up one's hands in despair as some Muslims had done in the beginning when their shops were gutted. A brother pleaded with Defenders to refrain from adopting a militant stand. A militant stand will further incite the mobs he reasoned. What further destruction did we have to avert? They had already burnt and looted scores of shops. A stand had to be taken, be it a militant stand. The determination was to die honourably in the attempt to bring an end to the evil pillaging and plundering taking place on all sides. We cannot stand by idly while Muslims are being pillaged and plundered. The mobs had to get the message which was honourably delivered to them by the brave stand of the Defenders. Only malicious people who harbour hatred will be in position to decry the valiant stand of Muslims defending their properties from the vile clutches of marauding mobs of looters and arsonists.

The passage of time and the return to normalcy should not induce Muslims to become complacent. Be alert and prepare yourselves both physically and spiritually for trials and tests which we pray to Allah Ta'ala to avert. May Allah Ta'ala be with us all.

TRIALS

The life of this world is insignificant. In relation to the Akhirah it has no value. You are called on to strictly adhere to Islam even though you have to suffer trial and hardship. The comfort and bliss which will be experienced immediately the soul traverses beyond this mundane realm will in entirety obliterate the little and fleeting hardships of this world. On the contrary, if selfish motives and greed turn you away from Allah's Deen, you will suffer. The consequence of such misfortune will not be escaped.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When local executive members of the ANC held peace talks with Defenders at Hypervalu Stores, they (Defenders) were asked to accompany them by car for a tour of the affected areas so that the vigilante set-up of the ANC may be observed.

Two ANC officials accompanied two Defenders by car. The Defenders were asked to affix ANC posters on the car to ensure safety in the troubled zone. According to them, drunken elements were still engaged in sporadic stoning, hence the need to decorate the vehicle with ANC posters. If these elements saw that it was an ANC vehicle, it would be granted safe passage through the devastated areas. This fact is most noteworthy in analysing the causes of the present violence which reigned the Northern Areas. Even 'drunken' elements had sufficient mental discernment to grant safe passage to ANC vehicles while vehicles without ANC posters were mercilessly stoned. Viva ANC! Drunken elements and the ANC!!!

THEY (THE MU'MINEEN)—ALLAH HAS ESTABLISHED IMAAN IN THEIR HEARTS AND HE HAS AIDED THEM WITH A ROOHTHE POWER OF THE ROOH) FROM HIM. (QUR'AAN)

THEY SAY WE PROVOKED!

When people come under barrages of stones and when their lives and properties are under imminent threat of destruction, what restraint does the ANC wish the victims to show? Let some of its members sit in a car which is being stoned from all sides. They may then show restraint and ask people not to fire and to sit by idly inviting death and destruction.

When a rampaging mob attacks—when hoodlums perpetrate their acts of villainy in ways which put the lowly beasts to shame—death in large numbers is inevitable. The defenders will always protect their lives and property, their respect and honour at the cost of their lives, no matter from which quarter the plunderers emanate. When people pillage and plunder, they must expect the logical consequences which will ensue in the wake of their villainous thuggery.

It is indeed most callous for any decent person to attempt to defend the hoodlums who have died while perpetrating their acts of criminality. While seeking to condone the hoodlums, they attempt to condemn those who took justifiable and necessary action to protect their lives and properties.

Our Defenders were under intense pressure from all sides and on several fronts in several different areas spread over 15 kilometres. They were defending not only their own lives and properties, but the lives and properties of others as well. Both Muslims and non-Muslims. In a discussion with ANC officials who came to appeal to us to show restraint, our Defenders cornered them in debate. When it was put to them that what should the Defenders do when barrages of stones are hurled at them and at our properties—what should we do when attempts are made to burn our places? they (the ANC officials) had no option other than saying that we then have to shoot, but that instead of using our side arms and rifles, we should use shotguns. They themselves are fully aware of the dangerous situation which had surrounded us. There was no alternative other than shooting to drive away the mobs of looters and arsonists—to defend our lives and our properties. If the ANC or any other body wishes to interpret such action as 'provocation', they are at liberty to do so. It will give everyone a better understanding of their view of the disgusting anarchy which had prevailed for almost a week.

ON DEAF EARS

The NACC (Northern Areas Co-ordinating Committee) and the ANC, during the height of the violence, called for a cessation of the violence. It was conspicuous that the calls of these organizations fell on deaf ears. ANC marshals cut poor sights and lonely figures who were incapable of containing the spiral of senseless violence.

It was quite apparent that these bodies had no control over the people. The calls of the marshals patrolling the areas and pleading for peace were largely futile.

Political anarchists, arsonists, pillagers and plunderers do not understand the language of reason. They are bereft of morals and higher values. They have no respect for limb and life, hence they show callous disregard for the lives and properties of others. It is for this reason that the ANC's pleadings fell on deaf ears.

STORMING THE LOOTERS AND THE MOBSTERS

Tues. 7th August: The entire day, from morning to night, a large crowd of people stretching across in a line of a few hundred metres, directly opposite Hypervalue Store in the West End Shopping Complex, kept up a menacing attitude. Abuse, obscenities, threats and political slogans of the ANC kept up the fervour and frenzy of the crowd. Besides the crowd which stood facing the shop, many thousands of residents and curious onlookers were also lined up against the rows of houses of the various sides of the business centre.

Repeated distress calls were made to the police for assistance. A police vehicle would appear after some time and be subjected to a torrent of obscene epithets by the ugly mob. After a few minutes the police would depart. The entire day passed by in a state of high tension.

During the evening, street barricades were set up in the vicinity by the mob. Burnt out cars, municipal refuse bins, boulders and any object were used to set up the barricades. The Defenders were carefully monitoring the situation and the developments. The stage for the showdown was imminent and preparations were made for the impending attack on the premises by the mob.

At about 8 pm a small group from the mob advanced in the direction of the shop (Hypervalue). The bulk of the mob followed slowly and stealthily. However, the defenders were on alert, determined not to be caught off guard by the mobs of anarchy. Suddenly the stones and the howls from the mob came. With the first barrage of stones, without caring for their safety or their lives, the Defenders stormed from their positions in the shop and came out onto the street driving away the mob with gunfire. Loss of life and injury were the inevitable consequences. The crowd retreated to the opposite side of the road hurling abuse and insult and shouting the slogans of the ANC.

The Defenders meanwhile lined up outside the shopping centre, taking up positions ready to repulse any further attacks.

While the mob was screaming 'Viva ANC!', the small band of Defenders standing in a Saff kept up the slogan of Islam-NABA-E-TAKBIR with such fervour and vigour—with prolonged vigour—that the 'Viva ANC' cries became muted and damp sounds.

Meanwhile the Defenders remained awake throughout the night in anticipation of further attack. Tension was extremely high. Threats came in from all sides. The telephone rang incessantly with callers giving a variety of information about impending attacks and formations of mobs in the nearby vicinity determined to raise the shopping complex to the ground.

Defenders in small groups had to leave the premises time and again throughout the night to drive off arsonists and plunderers who kept attempting to attack the shopping complex at vulnerable points, especially from the rear which was out of the view of the Defenders. Thus, to defend some of the non-Muslim shops, the municipal library, the post office, etc., every now and again a small group of Defenders was sent out in various directions around the complex. There was shooting when arsonists attempted to execute their acts of arson. By the Grace of Allah Ta'ala, the mobs were effectively prevented from executing the conspiracy which the political anarchists had engineered.

Wed. 8th August: By the Fadhli and Aid of Allah Azza Wa Jal, the day dawned without the mob having succeeded in its evil plans. On this day again the mob gathered in the same menacing way. At about 10 am, the mob menacingly advanced on the shopping centre determined to succeed in its plots of destruction and devastation. Again the Defenders were forced to open up fire when stones were hurled. The mob was once again driven off.

The mob had retreated leaving behind the casualties. From the opposite side some members of the mob attempted to come forward raising their hands above their heads in a gesture of surrender so as to retrieve their fallen comrades. The Defenders called on them to

come forward. Safety was promised to them if they come in peace. They came forward and collected the fallen ones. As soon as they had reached the mob with their casualties they, once again started off with their abuse, obscenities and political slogans. They vowed that they will not rest until the shops in the complex are burnt. Never once did any of the defenders react to the torrents of abuse. Weapons were used only when the actual acts of plunder and pillage were being enacted.

In spite of its menacing stand, it was clear that the mob had got the message that the determination of the Defenders was unshakable and that death and injury on a will be the inevitable aftermath of any further attempts to loot and burn. Meanwhile a police Caspир had arrived on the scene. Emboldened by the police presence, the crowd started to move closer. A few members of the mob approached and joined in the discussion which the Defenders were conducting with the police officer commanding the Caspир. The members who identified themselves as 'Comrades' and members of the ANC, accused the Defenders of having opened up fire without provocation. It was their contention that 'comrades' were being shot at without justification. They alleged that they had come in peace while the Defenders had adopted a militant stand, not being interested in peace. The Defenders rebutted the false charges of the ANC members.

While some sort of negotiation was in progress between the spokesman for the Defenders and the ANC members in the presence of the police whose backs were towards the crowd, several stones were hurled, one striking a police officer on his back. The police exercising restraint, did not attempt to disperse the crowd with weapons. However, three policemen on foot went in pursuit of the stone-throwing group. Apparently a policeman sitting atop of the Caspир when the stones were being hurled, had identified a ring-leader who was inciting the mob to violence. The police who went in pursuit of the stone-throwers had meanwhile managed to apprehend the ring-leader who was hand-cuffed and loaded into the Caspир.

The ANC members who were involved in the discussion now pleaded with the police to release their man, but the police refused. The police then wanted the opinion of the Defenders in this regard. However, the Defenders firstly wanted a satisfactory conclusion for the talks which were in progress. The Defenders went to great lengths in an effort to defuse the situation. The ANC members were informed that if they were earnest for talking peace, then it was essential for them to answer pertinent questions. Beating about the bush and rhetoric would not help in defusing the situation. The ANC comrades had by this time appointed their spokesman. The spokesman for the Defenders asked: 'If you were the owner of this shop, what would have been your reaction if you came under attack with barrages of stones being hurled against you and with the real danger of your shop being burnt down?'

The ANC spokesman tried to parry the question. His attempts at evading the question were not entertained. Finally, another member of his delegation said: 'Answer the question.' (The discussion was in Afrikaans). The ANC spokesman then abruptly replied: 'I will shoot them.' Several ANC members present, the Defenders and the police witnessed this statement. Thus, even the ANC comrades had no alternative but to endorse the action of the Defenders when cornered in sensible argument.

The ANC members then again appealed for the release of their comrade sitting hand-cuffed in the Caspир. The Defenders informed the ANC members that before they give their opinion on the matter, it was necessary to discuss with their ring-leader sitting in custody. The handcuffs were removed and the ANC members came to the Caspир to talk with their comrade. On seeing his comrades, the ring-leader blurted out: 'I am not an ANC. I am not a comrade. I am just an ordinary worker.' The other comrades took offence and retorted: 'Don't be scared now. You are a member of the ANC. You are one of the Comrades, but the ANC does not teach

you to commit acts of violence.'

Be that as it may, the fact remains that these ANC members who were discussing with the Defenders at that moment were all part of the mob and no attempt was earlier made by them to deter the mob from embarking on its murderous acts of pillage and plunder.

The ring-leader in the Caspир gave an undertaking to desist from further stone-throwing and inciting. However, the police officer in charge of the Caspир decided not to release him yet. He told the ANC spokesman to go back to the mob, to reason with them and to obtain an undertaking from them that they will disperse and refrain from further acts of anarchy. He gave the ANC fifteen minutes to discuss with their people. Instead of 15 minutes, the ANC members were seen discussing and cajoling the crowd, many of its members being incited, for over 30 minutes. Ultimately they returned with some assurances that the majority of the people had agreed to desist from further stone-throwing. However, in view of the fact that drunken and skollie elements had taken advantage of the situation, there may still be some instigators. But, ANC marshals would attend to such trouble-makers. The Defenders then requested the police to release the comrade in the Caspир. This request was complied with and he was promptly released.

The ANC spokesman thereafter informed the Defenders that the majority of people are appealing for the shop (HYPERVALUE STORES) to open up its doors for trade. Not a single shop in a 10 kilometre radius had been spared. The people were now hungry. There was no milk and bread. The Defenders stated their case very clearly: They would open up their doors. But if this was a ruse—if there was any double-crossing—if it was a scheme to gain entry into the premises to plunder and burn it, then the area would be turned into a veritable graveyard since the Defenders would then be left with absolutely no choice other than to fight with their lives unto the last. If they had to die, they will do so honourably and take along with them numerous members of the mobs of anarchy.

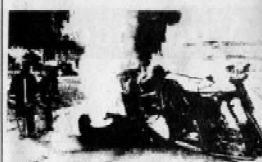
The doors of the shop were thrown wide open. As a precautionary measure, the thousands of people clamouring to buy were asked to line up outside the shop. Groups of people at a time were allowed to enter. ANC marshals meanwhile assisted with the supervision of the crowd consisting of thousands of persons, and every now and then had to reason with drunken elements bent on trouble-making. Meanwhile the Defenders had not relaxed their defence. They took up vantage points heavily armed, watching for any trouble-makers who may be bent on hijacking the situation which appeared to be defusing.

Inciters and trouble-makers repeatedly attempted to scuffle the newly-established peace. Everytime inciters were identified, the marshals would discuss with them and urge them to leave. By the Grace of Allah Ta'ala some normality was maintained on this day.

While the store was doing a roaring trade on this day, a mob was again slowly forming in close proximity to the Caspир in an attempt to sandwich it between the thousands of shoppers in front of the shop and the mob stretched out in a long line in close proximity behind the Caspир. The police officer informed us that he was well-aware of the tactic which the mob was now attempting to make use of in order to create confusion which would follow if an attack was made with stones on the Caspир. There would be havoc in the shop and outside and the arsonists would achieve their aim of burning down the shop which was now within the range of their incendiary devices. The menacing attitude of the mob behind the Caspир required that the mob be dispersed with tear gas. We pleaded with the police to refrain from so doing as we could see the consequences of any such action. Anyhow, the Caspир withdrew and took up a position at a distance from the crowd. Although the ANC marshals were doing their best to control and cajole the crowd (i.e. the shoppers), inciters were also busy. The elements of plunder had meanwhile circulated word among their comrades that the opportunity to strike would come when the Caspир leaves. The shop was open with numerous customers inside and outside. There was hardly any staff. Some Defenders had to attend to the trading while a small group stood guarding the premises from vantage points. Soon the Caspир departed. But, by the Fadhli of Allah Ta'ala, the mob had earlier on got the message very clearly. When the Caspир departed, the Defenders took up conspicuous positions with their weapons, ready to act at a moment's notice. Allah Ta'ala instilled fear into the hearts of the anarchists who slowly drifted away while trading continued.

Just before As Salaat, urgent calls for help came from another family member whose shop was under heavy

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Firemen hose down a burning car used as a barricade in Gelvandale. Shortly after this picture was taken, stone-throwing and shooting erupted.

E.P.HERALD

Family praised for heroic defence while under siege

HERALD REPORTER

THE West End Crisis Committee has expressed gratitude to the Desai family whose shop in the Northern Areas was under siege for over 48 hours, for having defended the area. Mr. Mungai Probst, a spokesman for the committee, which was set up as an emergency body in the unrest crisis, said at times about 1 000 people had tried to break through. 'If they had, they would have broken through the entire West End residential area,' said Mr. Probst.

Mr. Hassan Desai, owner of Hyper Value, his brother Rashid, and about 14 other heavily armed family members had guarded the shop and surrounding areas, said Mr. Probst.

Mr. Rashid Desai said earlier that the family, all Muslims, were prepared to fight to the death to protect their family and their property 'in the name of Allah'. 'The residents of West End wish to express thanks and appreciation to them for having so valiantly defended the shopping centre and surrounding areas from being destroyed.'

Holligans, he said, had fomented the unrest and violence.

Mr. Probst said the Desai family had 'brought essentials such as bread and milk under its own armed escort consisting of family members' into the area.

This was 'an act of great valour',

E.P.HERALD

Reinforcements for SAP in PE unrest

By LOURENS SCHOEMAN

POLICE reinforcements and additional SA Defence Force members are being deployed in Port Elizabeth's Northern Areas to curb unrest and looting.

This was announced at a statements last night by Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok. He said he believed that the unrest and looting could and should be resolved through negotiation between the warring parties. He appealed to those involved in the use of force to stop the violence.

In the meantime, Mr. Vlok said, police would strictly enforce law and order. They will seek out criminals and will act resolutely against them and all perpetrators of violence. He also informed ANC leader Mr. Walter Sisulu accordingly. Mr. Vlok said.

Mr. Vlok added that he was 'extremely concerned about the violence, killings and senseless destruction of property'.

The acting Commissioner of Police, Lieutenant-General Mulder van Eyk, said at a Press conference in Port Elizabeth last night the position was 'serious, very serious'.

E.P.HERALD

O PEOPLE OF IMAAN!
IF YOU HELP ALLAH,
HE WILL HELP YOU
AND PLANT YOUR
FEET FIRMLY.
(QUR'AN)

Family to defend store to bitter end

By COLIN URQUHART

THE Desai family, whose shop in the Northern Areas has been under siege for over 48 hours, have decided to stand their ground and protect their property to the bitter end.

Mr. Hassan Desai, owner of Hyper Value in the West End Community Centre, his brother Rashid, and about 14 other heavily armed family members have been under a virtual siege since early Tuesday morning.

Mr. Rashid Desai told the Herald in a telephone interview yesterday afternoon that the family, all Muslims, were prepared to fight to the death to protect their family and their property against

E.P.HERALD

Appeal for army to restore order

HERALD REPORTER

RESIDENTS of Windogel and Schauderville have appealed to the police to call in the army to help restore order in Port Elizabeth's riot torn area.

One resident of Windogel who telephoned the Herald yesterday afternoon, said he and other residents in his area wanted stronger action taken by the police and the army to restore order. 'The resident who asked not to be named, claimed he was speaking on behalf of most of his law abiding neighbours. He blamed what he termed 'the skollie element' who were running amok looting,

burning and destroying property.

According to him the police appeared to be doing their utmost under extremely difficult conditions to contain the violence.

Another resident, from Highfield Road, Schauderville, telephoned to say looters were 'busy clearing out' one business.

'Women and children are helping right now to carry out the furniture and other household items from the flat above the looted shop,' she said.

'This thing is totally out of hand and the police need to call in the army to help restore order. Our lives are in danger from the skollie element.' E.P.HERALD

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siege in the Gelvandale area which is about 6 km. from Hypervalue Stores. An ANC rally in the area had just ended and thousands of people were streaming out. A large mob had gathered and laid siege to the shopping centre in which Ma's Supermarket is located.

EVEN KIDS

During the recent orgies of violence little children from the age of about 10, were seen gleefully taking part in burning vehicles. In West End, a group of such kids aided by some adults turned over a car, doused it with petrol and set it alight. These are the types of 'freedom fighters' which political anarchists are breeding. What do these little children know about grievances? They are used and misused by anarchists to create anarchy and chaos. In the process, the future lives of these children are destroyed. They are transformed into criminals.

NOBLEST JIHAD

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

'The noblest Jihad is to proclaim the truth in the presence of an unjust ruler.'

Undoubtedly, the proclamation of the truth is a noble Jihad. Stating truth in the presence of an unjust ruler or government is the noblest Jihad (Holy War). But, this 'Noblest Jihad' should not be confused with the chanting of political slogans and the hurling of epithets and obscenities at the rulers on street corners. This Jihad envisages the dignified expression of the truth, without fear for the consequences. Such truth should be proclaimed to the rulers/government through proper channels, not through the medium of political anarchy and chaos.

Violence and pillaging become order of day in PE northern areas

AS THE PRESS SAW IT

Mobs attack police

Peace bid in troubled Northern areas of PE

HERALD REPORTERS
UNRULY mobs attacked policemen with petrol bombs in Port Elizabeth's northern suburbs last night as a second day of violent confrontation in the troubled area drew to a close.

And community leaders and residents are to embark on concerted efforts to defuse the situation, following two meetings held in the area yesterday.

Several people were shot in the head and wounded as the unrest in the suburbs of Aravida, Bloemendal and Chetty continued yesterday.

A spokesman for the police confirmed that one man was shot in the head and several other people wounded, but he was unable to confirm the number of injuries.

The spokesman said last night that policemen guarding shopping centres in the unrest hit northern suburbs were being attacked by mobs throwing petrol bombs.

Parts of Port Elizabeth's northern suburbs resembled a war zone yesterday as police fired tear gas, rubber bullets and live shot at militant groups of residents.

Shops and taxis owned by Labour Party members were targets for activists and snipers after an alleged anti-Muslim chant and the day hospital in Bloemendal were closed for the day.

Barricades of blackened rubble made roads impassable and helicopters flew overhead as children watched the action from rooftops.

They had all here seen home from school. Many parents asked employers to be excused work for the day.

"Everything is in turmoil," a doctor in the area said yesterday.

"It's meant to be peaceful in South Africa, but here in Extension 21, it's war. I can tell you the number of people I've treated for tear gas."

The doctor, who had set up a casualty station in his surgery and who did not want to be named, said 17 other people had injuries which included cuts and entry wounds.

"This indicates the use of live ammunition," he said.

The doctor pointed out that not all the injuries had been the result of police action.

"Residents perceived us as agents of the state were also attacked and I treated some of them for head wounds after they had been hit."

He said he had "mixed emotions about the situation."

"It's not so much the pain of seeing the burning and looting, but the greater pain of seeing the fear in the eyes of the elderly."

"We're getting scared," one resident said.

"They're getting closer. It's been hell since yesterday."

"All we've heard and seen are the shots and the burning."

When asked what the reason for the looting and burning were, a bystander said:

"People are very frustrated here. I don't blame them. They have reached the point of no return."

E.P.HERALD

ALLAH'S EARTH

When the oppression and cruelty of Fir'aun exceeded all limits, Bani Isra'el petitioned Nabi Musa (alayhis salaam) for direction. In answer to their call, he said: "Seek aid with Allah and be patient. Most assuredly, the earth belongs to Allah. He grants (political power) of the earth to whomever He wishes among His servants. The ultimate success is for those who fear (Allah). (Qur'aan)

The direction was Dua and Sabr. Islamic teaching in such circumstances is not the type of 'struggle politics' the anarchists are advocating. Islam demands spiritual reformation as a prior requisite for Jihad which is an institution with its own rules, conditions and methods. It is no more comparable with the activities of anarchy and terrorism in vogue nowadays.

The above ayat as well as many other Qur'aanic verses and Ahadith make it abundantly clear that the earth belongs to Allah and it is only He who apportions its control among people. When He wills to change a government, He will create the means.

THE SHARIAH

"And those who cling to the Kitaab and establish Salaat, verily, We shall not destroy the reward of those who practice righteousness." (Qur'aan)

Reward is the product of Allah's Pleasure. Such Pleasure is acquired by firm adherence to the Shariah which is referred to in the ayat by term, 'The Kitaab' or the Qur'aan. Allah, though Salaat as part of the Shariah, is stated in the ayat as a separate act because of its great importance.

Muslims no longer adhere to the Kitaab nor do they establish Salaat. They are therefore deprived of the Pleasure of Allah. Divine Aid does not come their way as is desired.

Muslims wonder at their weakness. They cannot understand the cause of the calamities which befall them in spite of their gross neglect of the Kitaab-Shariah. The very first practical requirement, viz. Salaat, is not given the importance which the Qur'aan demands.

The Muslim sleeps away while the sun is rising. He is grossly neglectful of his Salaat in general, and the Fajr Salaat in particular. What aid can he then expect from Allah Ta'ala?

What courage and determination can he then possess? The Muslim who does not adhere to the Shariah should not

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Northern Areas turmoil



A police helicopter drops tear smoke in a section of the Northern Areas in Port Elizabeth yesterday. Skirmishes continued throughout the day between police and residents in the turmoil which began on Monday following a protest march against rent increases.

Mobs attack police in Northern Areas unrest

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Another man said it was unlike the people of the Northern Areas to behave the way they had in the past two days.

"But people are not up with being deprived of their rights. It's also a backlash against the police action at the rent meeting on Monday."

The community associations undertook to organise two mass meetings last night to address residents.

Representatives of local churches, the Northern Areas Co-ordinating Committee, the African National Congress, the National Medical and Dental Association and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers met at noon yesterday to discuss the turmoil in West End, Aravida, Chetty and Bloemendal.

About 12.30 a message was received that Colonel D.J. de Villiers, of the East Cape Rifles Squad, wanted to meet community leaders.

At 2pm, the meeting

at the West End Community Centre as Col D. Villiers and several officers met church ministers and Mr. Donald Ngigang, chairman of the Northern Areas Co-ordinating Committee, a community centre official said.

Certain tenants and home-owners in the area would be addressed in the next few days that their rents had been reduced since July 1, said the Anti-Rent City Treasurer, Mr. Ian Fritz.

The trouble in the northern areas started on Monday after a crowd had handed a memorandum to housing director Mr. Andrew Gibbons to protest at increased rents.

The crowd gathered at Greenfield Primary School where police used tear gas to disperse them. Turmoil had erupted in the area since then.

Mr Fritz said yesterday

that rents in the northern areas had been increased since July 1.

However, "the committee of Ministers of Housing has since decided to freeze increases in respect of the interest and redemption components in rentals and instalments," he said.

This was "a relief to tenants and purchasers of State housing."

Mr Fritz said the reduction in rents would affect only those who had their rents increased in July 1.

These were people who had received an increase in income over the past year, he said.

He stressed that the memorandum on interest and redemption components of rents, "Service charges such as electricity, water, maintenance and property rates are not affected and are still increased according to the city's general rate of adjustment."

This means that part of the July increase has been reduced. Although the total monthly amount paid will be more than what tenants and purchasers paid before July 1, it will not be as much as they had to pay in July.

Mr Fritz said the increase in July 1 was limited to R5, R10 or R15, depending on income, and the reduction would also be limited to these figures.

He said about 85% of tenants and purchasers were affected by the changes.

Herald reporter Peter du Toit writes that Aravida residents who attended the meeting at the West End Community Centre agreed last night that they would attempt to defuse the explosive situation in the area.

About 300 people crammed into the hall, where they were addressed by various community leaders.

The meeting agreed that workers should return to work today, children should attend classes and a monitoring committee would

be set up to monitor the situation.

It is a great lie to claim that the violence was caused by drunken elements. They were merely being manipulated by the politicians.

JIHAD

As long as Muslims have not succeeded in liberating themselves from the oppression of the nafs, it is not possible for them to liberate either themselves or others from the oppression of man. Physical Jihad is not possible without having accomplished the spiritual Jihad which consists of two fundamentals: Elimination of the evil bestial qualities and the inculcation of the lofty attributes taught by the Islamic moral code.

MUSLIM WOMEN

The Shariah does not permit Muslim females to attend even the Masjid for Salaat. Muslim women do not accompany the funerals of even their husbands, sons and fathers. Muslim women do not attend their own marriage ceremonies. The Qur'aan commands them to stay indoors, away from the gazes of others. Yet, in spite of such strict moral requirements, we find some Muslimwomen participating in the haram political activities of non-Muslim organizations. In the process they expose themselves to a variety of evils and immoral conduct. It is a crying shame, it is utterly disgraceful.

THE CATALOGUE

The following is the list of the destruction wrought by the political anarchists:

- 78 shops looted, devastated and burnt.
- 7 Schools burnt.
- 5 private vehicles burnt.
- 41 police vehicles damaged.
- 8 homes gutted.
- 1 post office burnt.
- 1 church burnt.
- 3 hotels destroyed.
- 65 lives lost.
- Hundreds injured.
- Damage in excess of R100 million.

FLASHPOINT

By BILL KRIGE and NORMAN WEST
COLOURED townships in Port Elizabeth had all the hallmarks of Beirut after a routine weekend's shelling.

With the death toll in the "Friendly City" and nearby townships at 42 and rising, stunned community leaders are battling to come to terms with a result which has no precedent in the history of the area.

By yesterday, with tensions rising as police and army patrols moved to break up mobs before they gained direction and purpose, no clear picture of the causes had emerged.

But the effects are devastating. Among the visible consequences of five days of mayhem in PE were 42 deaths and injuries, streets packed with rubble and petrol-bombed wrecks, seven schools damaged, three 19 Labour Party offices and libraries destroyed and lawlessness and thuggery a dominant theme.

In Durban Road, on the fringe of mature town, the city's old industrial heart, a car moved slowly through the shambles while the driver pleaded away a loudspeaker for someone to end the looting in the name of the ANC.

The ANC — one of the chief forces in the street situation — has not emerged from the street situation. But then neither has the Labour Party of the Northern Areas.

Rev Alan Hendrickse, whose elected members deserted in dozens the moment the violence began, said the Labour Party of the Northern Areas had 12 members in the devastated Chetty area.

Labour Party leader Mr. Hendrickse has been criticised by members of the party for his handling of the issue. His church has also been burnt down by rioters.

The police escaped criticism for their hand-on handling of a riot which provided the spark.

Police officers in Port Elizabeth, numbering some 2000 people or 20 percent of the total population, but without political and social grievances but with a strong sense of discipline and order.

Mr. David Sampson, of the National Teachers' Union, said that the old slogan of "liberation before education" was outdated and that people must now concentrate on education for liberation.

He told parents it was their responsibility to send their children to school and appealed to children present to go back to their classes.

All the speakers highlighted the fact that rioters had to be disciplined. Mr. Hendrickse said that rioters had to be disciplined and that rioters had to be disciplined.

The growing power of influence are the islands of violence and the growing power of influence are the islands of violence.

Many have put on roadblocks of their own to keep the mobs out. Many have put on roadblocks of their own to keep the mobs out.

Class distinctions and not racial attitudes are the main questions are at issue here — as is a concern for law and order. Hospital doctors report that 80 percent of

the casualties they have treated show signs of alcohol intake.

The miracle of hindsight may reveal the full length of the powder trail but at least part of it is visible in a fundamental change in political allegiance, a process which has occurred in a matter of days.

A survey conducted by Rev. Hendrickse of the Human Rights Trust shows that the Labour Party has virtually collapsed, enjoying the support of only 10 percent of the population, down from 40 percent a year ago and 20 percent in 1978.

By contrast, the ANC, which enjoyed only peripheral support in 1978, now has 41 percent backing.

The Government too has made significant gains — up from 17.5 percent to 21 percent in a year — as has the Democratic Party, which has gained 10 percent compared to 1.5 percent.

The political shifts are reflected in local issues with supporters of both the ANC and the Labour Party, which have created more heat than light.

Of these issues has risen most in the minds of the Labour Party is the issue of the school principal's appointment as a school principal in the area.

The post has been vacant for five years. Mr. Hendrickse is qualified for the job and Mr. Hendrickse is qualified for the job and Mr. Hendrickse is qualified for the job.

It is one of two issues which have been a hot topic on Monday with a rental protest. It is one of two issues which have been a hot topic on Monday with a rental protest.

Another charged that the police were taking part, allegedly firing tear gas at the protesters.

People were hit in the stomachs and the head.

Significantly, shops and taxis owned by known supporters of the Labour Party were early targets of the rioters.

Although the ANC was quick to denounce this, it is a fact that the ANC was quick to denounce this, it is a fact that the ANC was quick to denounce this.

Shops of liquor which were not looted were attacked as rioters, emboldened by drink, lost all restraint. By the weekend the physical destruction was staggering.

A few powerful police and military presence sporadic looting was still taking place at times when fewer full-time police were on duty.

In Durban, a police officer was killed and a police officer was killed and a police officer was killed.

They even gave the cops a black power salute.

Courtesy: SUNDAY TIMES

Rambo wages war on gangs of looters

By BILL KRIGE

was burnt the previous night and he is determined it won't happen to anyone else in the family or the light-knit Muslim community.

He returned to Port Elizabeth eight weeks ago after four months as a machine gunner for the Mujahideen, the guerrilla force which frequently harassed the South African army in the eight-year Afghanistan war.

An organised security network links the Deval village in the Northern Areas with the Mujahideen. Muslim groups. When help is needed they "fiddle up" a message and ride through to help out.

"Yesterday we blazed our way through a mob of 200 people and no one dared touch us," he says. "We fear nothing. This is a Jihad (Holy War). Allah has been with me for 40 years and I am ready to die if I have to."

The above report describes one of our Muslim Defenders with the epithet "Rambo". This un-Islamic name is the award by the non-Muslim paper. It is not the name by which any Muslim may be called.

Courtesy: SUNDAY TIMES

BESIEGED BY MOBSTERS

When the owner of Ma's Bazaar was informed that his shop was being looted, he hurried from his position of guard at another shop and proceeded to Gelvandale. Ma's Bazaar is situated in a large shopping complex. By the time the single Defender arrived on the scene, a bank and several other shops in the complex were utterly devastated and looted. His own shop was in the process of being looted. A large mob had surrounded the building and hundreds of people were milling inside in a frenzied orgy of looting and destroying. Alone, our single Defender blasted his way into the shopping complex and with gun firing he succeeded to enter his shop and drive away the looters who had already caused thousands of rands of damage. He barricaded himself in the shop and was forced to repeatedly use his firearms to keep the mob at bay. Casualties were inevitable.

The single Defender was under exceptionally intense pressure. Crowds outside were chanting political slogans and calling for the destruction of the shopping centre. Hoodlums made repeated attempts to gain entry into the shop in which the lone Defender had barricaded himself. Time and again he was forced to drive off the marauding mob. Petrol bombs were being hurled one after the other, but due to the Fadhil of Allah Ta'ala, they were all off-target.

In this state of siege and under intense pressure, our Defender made repeated calls for aid from our other Defenders. Another Defender was urgently despatched to the aid of the beleaguered brother at Ma's Bazaar. To gain entry into the premises the single defender had to first scatter the mob with gunfire. Some relief was thus provided for the lone defender inside the shop. However, since the attacks with petrol bombs and stones were incessant, the two Defenders reported telephonically that they were under intense pressure. Having been awake round the clock for the past 48 hours, the strain and pressure were wearing them down. Four Defenders from Hypervalue Stores were then despatched to bolster the defence at Ma's Bazaar. On their arrival, a large mob was milling at the front and rear entrances, hurling stones in attempts to make a breakthrough. The four defenders had to open fire in order to scatter the mob which dispersed only to reform once the Defenders entered the premises.

The six defenders now broke through the roof, taking up vantage points. The entire shopping centre was then secured. From all sides the crowd was driven back by the gunfire of the Defenders. The building was secured in this way for the next 48 hours when the disturbances calmed down.

The devastation wrought by the political hoodlums in Highfield and Durban Roads testifies to the fact that some sinister hand operated behind the cover of the hoodlums. Rows of shops have been utterly gutted. After the destruction of Highfield Road, the anarchists proceeded to Durban Road which runs parallel to Highfield Road. It was here in Durban Road that the hoodlums came against unexpected resistance. Defenders took up positions on balconies and ledges of shopping complexes and drove away the mobs with gunfire. Throughout the days of political anarchy and chaos the Defenders held their positions around the clock, most of them having remained awake for 72 hours. Only Allah Ta'ala imbued them with the strength and determination to hold out and defeat the marauding mobs of arsonists and looters.

TO THE RESCUE

In the Arcadia area while a Muslim's shop was being plundered by a mob of hoodlums, the owner and his wife were trapped inside. An urgent call for assistance was brought to Hypervalue Stores. Four defenders were immediately despatched to rescue the beleaguered family. On reaching the scene of destruction, the Defenders found the shop already looted and smashed. A large number of hoodlums was milling about. With Aid from Allah Ta'ala, the Defenders succeeded in bringing the family to safety exposing themselves to great risks in the process.

Similar rescue operations were undertaken in different places where Muslims found themselves trapped in their premises surrounded by mobs of howling hoodlums bent on destruction and plunder.

DISASTROUS END

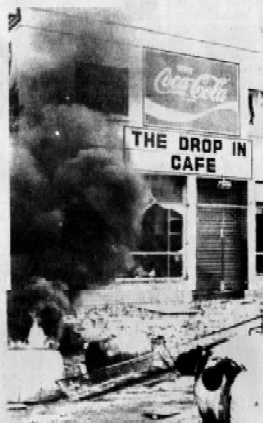
"The end result of this joint Muslim-Hindu politics was the mass slaughter of Muslims and the destruction of Musajjid (by Hindu mobs). Eyes of Muslims opened only after the perpetration of these brutalities (by mobs). The truth finally dawned on Muslims. This disastrous end was the consequence of having united with the deniers of Tauheed and Risalat." (Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanvi)

FIGHTING THE LOOTERS

On Tuesday morning 7th August 1990, a large crowd had gathered in close proximity to Hypervalue Store, the largest trading shop in the West End Shopping Complex. The rowdy crowd kept up a torrent of abuse, obscenities and political slogans. Threats of burning down the shop were repeatedly made. The owner of the shop notified members of his family who hurriedly proceeded to the shopping complex.

Plans to defend the entire complex, consisting of Muslim as well as non-Muslim shops, were hastily devised. While plans and strategy were being discussed and devised, information was brought that another Muslim's shop in the nearby vicinity was in the process of being looted. Of the dozen family members who had gathered to defend the West End Shopping Centre, four were despatched to the shop being looted.

The four Defenders sped off at break-neck speed, through barricades and over boulders and kerbs. The streets were lined with mobs shouting abuse. As the vehicle approached the vicinity where the shop was being looted, stones were flung at it. On arrival at the scene, a large crowd had converged on several shops, looting and plundering. Under a barrage of stones the four Defenders led their assault into the crowd, firing their guns to defend themselves. The crowd dispersed and retreated, but only to regroup at a distance from whence people started to again hurl stones. The shops in the area were already looted and devastated. There was nothing to salvage or to protect and the defenders had no option other than to withdraw.

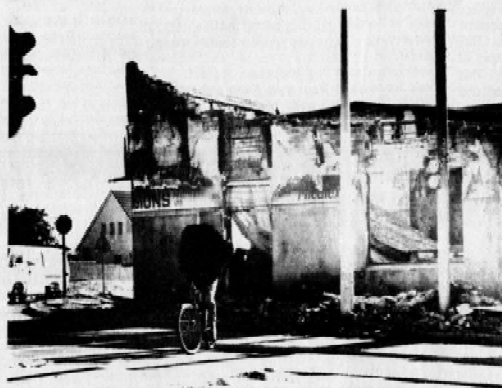


A barricade of drums and burning tyres in Bell Road, Gelvandale, was a typical scene in the Port Elizabeth Northern Areas yesterday. This shop was looted and the garage next to it burnt to the ground.



Less than 300 metres from the Gelvandale Stadium where community leaders appealed for peace and calm, smoke billowed up from a wholesaler, as trouble-makers not at the meeting continued to burn and loot.

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Outside a devastated store, a lone cyclist crosses Highfield Road at what used to be a busy junction thronged with shoppers — the scene in Schauderville, Port Elizabeth, today. Picture by Charles Pullen

ACTION BY THE DEFENDERS

Without any doubt, the first and the most important factor which initiated the process of the restoration of sanity in the orgies of pillage and plunder, was the gallant stand taken by Defenders. Prior to the brave stand, by the Fadhil of Allah Azza Wa Jal, a blanket of fear, dismay and smouldering tension constantly hung over the affected areas. There was no direction for the fearful residents to follow. The entire community was held at ransom by mobs of looters, arsonists and stone-throwers enacting all the scenes in the name of the ANC under the slogan, 'VIVA ANC'.

People smitten by fear, fled with their families to safer areas. The atmosphere around them was hopeless. Not even the police could provide protection for them. It is a stark reality that the police presence was so thin and so drawn out over a wide area that the burning and looting continued unabated. Mobs of hoodlums leisurely set up street barricades and there was no security force present to demolish the barricades. An area in which a quarter million non-whites live was the free domain of political hoodlums. They reigned supreme to perpetrate their misdeeds of anarchy with unabashed audacity and unfettered freedom.

By the Grace of Allah Ta'ala, the tables were turned when our Defenders made their decision to stand up in defence and to die in the attempt to defend lives and properties. The decision was made and with a handful of determined Defenders strong resistance and defence were set up. The mobs now had to face the fury of the Defenders who had banished fear and caution in their valiant attempts to safeguard life and property.

Large mobs were driven away by the Defenders in different areas. By Allah's Fadhil and with Allah's Aid a handful of Defenders confronted large mobs of hoodlums. This gallant stand by the small band of Defenders gave other Muslims courage. Soon street patrols were hurriedly organized and large areas were covered by our men.

Non-Muslim residents were encouraged and they too quickly formed vigilante groups. Within a short while thousands of residents throughout the affected areas mobilized themselves into groups and manned almost every street, driving away the hoodlum cohorts.

It was NOT ANC marshals who had restored order. The ANC's image in these areas has been severely dented. Respectable people—people who live by the norms of civilization—cannot tolerate the type of anarchy and murderous misdeeds which the P.E. Northern Areas have experienced during the past week.

If our Defenders had not taken the brave stand which they had adopted, the police with its meagre presence would not have been able to arrest the conflagration of political

anarchy and havoc which the perpetrators of evil were unleashing.

Sight should not be lost of the fact that the military appeared on the scene—and that too as a back-up service—in a secondary role—only after over 75 shops were looted and burnt—after over 40 police vehicles were damaged—after millions of rands of destruction. The military and the ANC concern and its handful of marshals came on the scene only after our Defenders were repeatedly successful, by Allah's Grace, in driving away the marauding mobs of political anarchists.

Without the slightest fear of contradiction, we must declare that had our Defenders not taken their valiant stand, the looting, burning, destruction and devastation would have stood at a very higher level. Members of COSATU and ANC did not come forward when shops were being burnt and looted. They came forward only after we were driving off, with gunfire, the mobs of hoodlums. Why did they come forward only at this belated stage? If they are the peace-makers which we are given to believe, then why did their marshals not rally out among the marauding mobs of hoodlums to plead for peace and an end to the senseless and evil acts of plunder? Why only come forward when innocent victims stand up in defence of their lives and property?

The ANC members came forward and opened up peace-talks with us. But, there was no war from our side. The pillage and plundering emanated from mobs shouting, 'VIVA ANC!'. Thus, the ANC's call to the Defenders to show restraint and not to 'provoke' was mis-directed and uncalled for. Nevertheless, the Defenders made it quite plain to the members of the ANC that the defense will not be slackened as long as the mobs of hoodlums seek to impose their rule over us. The inevitable consequence of the defensive action of the Defenders was the loss of life. Only when this grim reality dawned, did the ANC members come forward calling for peace and a cessation of hostilities. But, we must clarify that the hostility was one-sided. It emanated from the ranks of only those who were clamouring Viva ANC!.

Another fact which should be understood is that the formation of numerous vigilante groups which patrolled the various areas, were not ANC initiatives. Ordinary residents set up these defences as a direct result of the brave stand of our Defenders.

The call to Defenders to show restraint is superfluous. A call must be directed to the conspirators of the anarchy, not to us. If the political anarchists do not refrain from spreading mayhem, the Defenders have no option but to utilize all means at their disposal to protect their lives and properties. In this endeavour, Muslims will not be found wanting.

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wonder when he is overwhelmed by trials. The Qur'aan states clearly that those who discard the Shariah will be distanced from the Rahmat of Allah Ta'ala.

The strength and power of Muslims lie in firm adherence to the Shariah. The above ayat states this fact.



Amidst, port and burning tyres in the streets... Gelvandale yesterday.

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ETNAH AND FASĀD ZULM

ANARCHY HAS SPREAD IN THE oceans and on the land because of the deeds wrought by the hands of men so that Allah may cause them to taste part of (the consequences) of what they have perpetrated. Perhaps they may return (to the Path of Righteousness).

(Qur'aan)

In the final analysis, whatever has happened, happens and will happen by the Command of Allah Ta'ala. It is the Muslim's belief that not an atom can stir, not a leaf blow in the breeze and not a seed split in the darkness under the earth's surface but by the direct intervention and command of Allah, The Creator of the universe.

In creation everything follows a direction as determined by Allah Ta'ala. Numerous events, incomprehensible to man's intellect transpire here on earth. While man fails to understand such events on account of the finite nature of his created mind, everything operates by Divine Will and is subjected to Divine Wisdom. The Mu'min, therefore, recognizes the Hand of Allah Ta'ala in the events which have transpired.

While the unrest and the violence which have overwhelmed us and which is gripping the country in other provinces are attributable to worldly causes, Muslims by the dictates of their Imaan look deeper and reflect. Passing the domain of the mundane and superficial theories of cause and effect, we discern that the true cause for anarchy and strife, in terms of the Qur'aan, is the evil transgression perpetrated by human beings. Since the pursuit of our discussion is confined to Muslims, we shall concern ourselves with only Muslim misdeeds.

Allah Azza Wa Jal has imposed these trials of unrest and violence on us because of our disobedience to Him. That **Isaada** (anarchy) which we observe around us is because of the **Isaada** (spiritual corruption) which exists in our souls. As long as Muslims do not bring about a long we must continue to witness such a

drastic change in their spiritual and moral lives, hardships, trials and persecution will be their lot on the increase as chastisement for their misdeeds and rebellion against Rabbul Aalameen. The Qur'aan and the Hadith are explicit that Allah's Wrath will settle on us when we transgress His commands, when we flagrantly violate His Shariah.

Man is not free from sin. Besides the **Ambiyaa** (alayhimus salaam) all men are sinful. But, it is not the occasional sin which a man commits in a moment of weakness that invites Allah's Anger. It is deliberate and flagrant transgression—shameless and audacious violation of the Shariah which distances us from the Special Grace and Rahmat of Allah Ta'ala.

Today, if we look carefully at our lives we shall not fail to discern that in all departments of life we are rotten to the core. Degeneration and decadence are gnawing at our moral and spiritual fibre. The cancer is deep-seated and no one is prepared to undergo treatment. All are waiting for the rude shock of destruction and devastation which will be the ultimate consequence of our blind and deliberate divergence from the Shariah of Allah Ta'ala.

Muslims have pillaged and plundered all departments of the Deen, hence their lives, wealth, properties and honour are being pillaged and plundered by the Kuffaar. It is a punishment from Allah Ta'ala for our disobedience. The Shariah is largely excluded from our practical life. Aqa'id (beliefs) are corroded. Muamalaat (Trade and commerce) reek with kufar practices and riba. Muasharaat (Social Conduct) has become noxious and repugnant. Akhlaaq (Morals)—Islamic moral character has been supplanted with the immoral ways of life of alien cultures.

When we dwell in a morass of kufar, baatil, bid'ah, liq and fujoor we should not be surprised when calamities smite us. In fact, we should wonder in amazement at the respite that Allah Ta'ala has granted us. Our misdeeds have reached such proportions that we no longer deserve to live on the surface of Allah's earth.

In a drunken stupor we continue with evil and transgression, yet we wonder when disaster strikes. For the calamities which befall us we seek to make other events and agents the scape-goats when in actual fact the evil in our nufuqs is the cause for all the mayhem.

The recent disturbances here in Port Elizabeth are but a piv-prick-a reminder—a warning of what is to come as a natural consequence of sin and disobedience. Look what is happening to Muslims in Sri Lanka—in India and elsewhere. Misery, destruction, loss of life and honour, pillage and plunder are committed on such a scale with governmental collusion that the events in P.E. dwindle into insignificance. Allah Ta'ala in His infinite Mercy has been most kind to us. We emerged from the violence unscathed. The loss of wealth is of no significance. Our lives and that of our families, our honour and respect, were well-preserved by Allah Ta'ala. But, if we do not quickly realize that the cause of these trials is our own rotten spiritual and moral conduct, we may not be so safe the next time. May Allah Ta'ala help us and save us from the evils of our nufuqs.

Muslims! If you do not wake up now, you will be rudely pulled out from your slumber of ghafli negligence and indolence when it is too late. Hasten to reform your lives—all departments of life—and fortify yourself with the Deen of Allah Ta'ala. In all ways you have to introduce the Shariah into your lives. Not only do acts of Ibaadat (worship) have to be pursued, Islam must be infused into your blood and Islam must manifest itself in all its forms in the 24 hours of your every day life.

Do not be deceived by evil Aalims and Sheikh who have betrayed Islam because of their fear for the kuffaar on the left. They have slipped into baatil and they are out to wreck your Islamic way of life by dragging you along into the pit of kufar and immorality which are the salient features of all non-Muslim cultures, cults and ways. Do not be fooled by their 'Islamic' rhetoric. They know not the meanings and the demands of the Shariah. They have swallowed a few political cliches gorged out to them by the atheistic and communist politicians. They have fallen at the feet of these kuffaar and atheist men of anarchy. Intimidation has constrained them to jettison the Shariah from their lives. All this is the result of their love for the world and for cheap glory. In the pursuit of their selfish motives they unscrupulously seek to drag along with them the Muslim masses. But Muslims should understand the simple fact that Islam and Kufar are opposite poles. The Shariah is not compatible with the ways and methods of kuffaar systems. There can, therefore, be no acceptable blend to Islam. We trod divergent paths. We cannot conform to the ways and methods spawned by kufar and baatil. These are simple facts which a Mu'min should be able to grasp without any difficulty.

Remember that these calamities are the product of our transgression. The Qur'aan Majeed says in this regard: **"And We established over them disgrace and adversity. And, they became deserving of the Wrath of Allah. This was so because they rejected the laws of Allah and killed the Ambiya unjustly. This (calamity) was because they sinned and transgressed."**

The Ambiyaa (alayhimus salaam) are no longer with us in their physical presence. However, their teachings are with us. While the Yahood physically murdered the Ambiyaa, we murder their teachings—the Shariah, hence we suffer disaster upon disaster. A cursory glance at the Ummah the world over, will testify to the heart-rending proportions calamities are descending on Muslims. Yet, Muslims choose to remain blind.

The Ulama—Soo (those Maulanas and Sheikh) who have joined the political ranks of the anarchist kuffaar) monotonously speak the same nonsense of social oppression, grievances and injustices. But, they are blind to the oppression and injustice which they are committing to their own souls. Their Deen life is corrupt. The spiritual and moral conduct are degenerate, yet in their noxious state of decadence they see themselves able and capable of extricating the floundering Ummah from the quagmire of evil and retrogression. They must take stock of their own corrupt lives. They misuse the Deen for their personal desires and selfish mundane aims and goals.

Their political lectures is drivel to Muslims. They are a species not lacking at the feet of the kuffaar for direction. We are Muslims and Islam is our beacon. We do not look askance at kuffaar for direction. We as Muslims know our direction. We do not grope in the dark like these evil learned men who murder the Shariah of a find avenue for the expression of their selfish motives and miserable worldly aims. They fear even their shadows because they follow the kuffaar. Their hearts have become constricted. Their breasts cannot expand for the power of Islam, hence they ape the non-Muslim politicians. They are supposedly the carriers of the Deen. But they are bereft of Deeni Knowledge, hence their talks are confined to the propagation of left politics couched in Islamic terms and painted in deen colours. Shame on them! Muslims must beware of such leaders who misguide them and who take them far, very far from the Path Islam has prescribed.

If Muslims follow the Shariah—if we implement the Shariah in every walk of our lives, we need fear none. The Qur'aan makes this fact abundantly clear. It says: **"Do not lose courage and do not worry. You will be victorious if you are indeed Mu'mineen."**

The prerequisite for Muslim victory is true Imaan. A Mu'min cannot be a true Believer without him submitting to all demands of the Shariah. If Muslims wish for protection, respect and honour, they must turn to Allah Ta'ala. Turning to Allah Ta'ala does not mean merely supplication. Turning to Allah Ta'ala means the cultivation of all Islamic practices and values—all requirements of the Shariah have to be upheld strictly.

Allah Ta'ala has granted Muslims sufficient respite. It is only when they have willfully closed their hearts and refuse to heed the admonition of the Deen that Allah Ta'ala overtakes them with such disasters which will force them to call out to their Creator, but then it will be too late. Therefore, while we still have the opportunity to reform and rectify our degenerate condition, we must rise to the occasion and strive against our lowly desires to implement the Shariah into every facet of our lives. May Allah Ta'ala open up our minds, our eyes and our hearts to understand the simple facts which have become so difficult for us to grasp on account of the perverted mental attitudes we have acquired from the kuffaar.

Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan Shareef: **"Seek forgiveness from your Rabb and turn towards Him. He will bestow on you beautiful bounties..."**

Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan Shareef: **"Whoever acts unjustly towards you, then you are allowed to act against him to the degree of his injustice. And, fear Allah. Know that verily Allah is with the Mut-taqeen."**

"Allah does not love those who transgress the limits."

The Qur'aan and the Hadith author acts of zulm (injustice and cruelty). According to the Hadith there is no veil between Allah and the Muzloom (the one who has been wronged). His call is immediately accepted by Allah Ta'ala.

Our advice and warning to our Muslim brothers and vigilantes who are engaged in the noble work of protecting life and property that they should not execute their holy work in the style of the kuffaar, Zilm (cruelty) should never be committed when apprehending a criminal.

A fallen criminal should not be assaulted as non-Muslims do. Once a man desists from acts of hoodliganism, action should not be taken against him. A lone looter taking something from a window-case should not be shot at. A handful of criminals should be driven off with whips. When a criminal has been apprehended he should not be beaten mercilessly by a group as we have seen non-Muslims doing.

When a man is down, it is the style of non-Muslims, be they criminals or decent members of a vigilante group, to trample him and assault him. Such are not the ways of Muslims. A Muslim behaves honourably to even his enemies. He does not retaliate with rancour and malice in his heart. He fights with courage and a heart imbued with Imaan. These are the bedrock of his determination.

In the recent violence a group of ANS vigilantes had apprehended a lone looter who was stealing from a smashed window. The man was helpless and pleading for his life. He was on the verge of being seriously assaulted by men wielding pick-axes and a variety of other weapons. A Muslim Defender intervened and appealed to the non-Muslim vigilantes to release the man who was imploring for mercy. Although the non-Muslim vigilantes were very reluctant to release him, the Muslim Defenders prevailed on them and gained his release.

Muslims must under all circumstances remember Allah Ta'ala. Even these looters and criminals are the Makhloq (Creation) of Allah Ta'ala. We must, therefore, refrain from acts of zulm. Zilm invites Allah's Wrath. His aid will be uplifted if we commit zilm.

Respect for life and limb is Fardh in Islam. The courage of the Mu'min knows no cowardice. Assaulting an overwhelmed man is an act of despicable cowardice. Gallantry and chivalry are inherent traits of the Islamic character.

When under attack, there is no alternative other than to defend and beat back the hoodligans. But, once the upperhand has been gained, it does not behoove the Muslim to exhibit muscle. Allah Ta'ala detests arrogance, pride and show. In all our affairs humility, kindness, understanding and tenderness should be employed. With these attributes we shall be powerful and no satanic force will then vanquish us.

Never rely on numerical superiority nor on superiority of weapons. Repose trust in Allah Ta'ala and supplicate to Him to save us from situations where we are constrained to utilize weapons. The body of the human being is sacrosanct. It is indeed most painful to the Mu'min to inflict a wound in that sacred body.

ANY HARDSHIP WHICH BEFALLS IS ONLY BY THE COMMAND OF ALLAH. (QUR'AAN)

All men are therefore powerless to harm us or to benefit us in any way. There should be neither fear for men nor hope in men. Cultivate Allah's Pleasure and He shall take care of our affairs.

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The Qur'aan gives the true Mu'mineen the following assurance: **"IF THERE ARE 20 PATIENT ONES AMONG YOU, THEY WILL OVERCOME 200..... AMONG THOSE WHO DISBELIEVE. THAT IS SO BECAUSE THEY ARE A PEOPLE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND."**

DON'T PANIC

Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan Majeed: **"Verily, in the Remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest."**

During times of unrest, Muslims should not allow fear to overwhelm them. In the wake of such fear comes panic which blurs the correct functioning of the mind. Correct and concerted action to confront and defeat the enemy is then not possible.

In times of danger such as we have recently experienced, Muslims should link up with those in the community who are in position to organize defence.

Perform two rak'ats Salaatul Hajat, repent for the sins which were committed and implore Allah's aid. Then join the ranks of those who are in position to take the front and get organized to protect life, honour and property. Remember that death in the duty to protect life and honour and property is also martyrdom. Fear must be banished and trust reposed in Allah Ta'ala.

Our numerical inferiority does not matter. Allah Ta'ala controls everything. With His aid we shall overcome the forces of anarchy and plunder. But, we must make a stand. The effort has to be initiated and Allah's help will be at hand.

The hearts of men are in the control of Allah Ta'ala. He will instil fear into the hearts of the wrong-doers if we, His servants, submit to Him. The same Allah Who had assisted the Sahaabah at Badr against overwhelming odds, is always present to assist us, His servants. After all, there are no servants of Allah on this earth besides the community of Mu'mineen.

We must, therefore, never despair in His mercy and aid. It is rebellious rejection of His Shariah and deliberate renunciation of the Sunnah which sap the courage of the Muslim and supplant in its place fear for creation.

The heart of the Mu'min is the receptacle for only Divine Fear. A heart imbued with Allah's fear cannot contain the fear of creation. What has been written will come to pass. In this fact there is no doubt. In this we are fatalistic.

WORLDLY ATTACHMENT

In Surah Muhammad, Allah Ta'ala says:

"Verily, this worldly life is only play and amusement. If you believe and fear (Allah), Allah will grant you your reward. He will not ask you for your wealth. If He had to (continuously ask you for your wealth to be spent in His Path), you will become miserly. He will then reveal your dislike (for spending in His Path). Yes, you are those who are called on to spend in the Path of Allah. From among you are those who are stingy. Whoever is miserly, is in fact, miserly on his own soul. Allah is wealthy and you are paupers. If you turn your backs (on Allah's Law), Allah will replace you

with another community which will not be like you."

This ayat calls on Muslims to understand that the life of play and amusement is not meant for them. Attachment to the world produces miserliness in the heart. With this evil trait, the heart becomes constricted and is incapable of making sacrifices which are part and parcel of an honourable Islamic existence on this temporary abode. The ayat states that Imaan and Taqwa go hand in hand. The Muslim is under Deeni obligation to cultivate Taqwa and Allah's aid will be with him.

INTIMIDATION

The leadership of political organizations deny that intimidation and threat are employed in the pursuit of achieving their political goals. Either they are dishonest in their assertion or they have lost contact with their membership. It is futile for the leaders at the top to even attempt to allay the fears of the ordinary people when the latter is confronted with these methods. The leaders of these organizations should embark on an extensive and intensive programme to educate their members in this regard. By the adoption of such callous and cowardly methods people are alienated and these organizations come to be viewed with suspicion and distrust. They tarnish their image in the endeavour to secure the allegiance of people by instilling fear into them.

THEIR PLOTS

NOTHING CAN HAPPEN WITH THEIR HARMING, BUT WITH THE PERMISSION OF ALLAH. (QUR'AAN)

The plots of the enemies cannot harm us if Allah wills the contrary. Muslims should only develop their bond with Allah Ta'ala and schemes of the anarchists will dissipate into nothingness.

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Tension smoulders

Criminals hijacked riots — police

By GEOFFREY ALLEN
THE riots in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage were "hijacked" by criminals and looters, police spokesmen said yesterday.

To counter them, shopkeepers had armed themselves with sophisticated weaponry including shotguns and hunting rifles with telescopic sights.

Police said yesterday they were uncertain how many of the rioters in Port Elizabeth and four in Uitenhage had been shot during police action in maintaining order, and how many were the victims of sniper shooters.

From the air people at the Gervandale Shopping Centre were clearly visible standing on the roof being hit by snipers.

"There are about 30 of them there," a relative of one of the entrepreneurs in the centre said.

"They are not going to allow anything to happen to the place."

Elsewhere in the area

there was devastation. Whole blocks of shops and offices were destroyed, cars overturned and burnt, people looted and looting, and in some buildings fires smouldered.

There's an estimate yet of the physical cost of re-building the destroyed areas.

Major Bill Dennis, police liaison officer, said a computerized graph showed that for several hours after the rioting started during lunchtime on Monday, the primary targets for stonings and assaults were the police.

"Thereafter our figures

...as official death toll in PE, U'hage unrest hits 46

HERALD REPORTERS
PORT Elizabeth's wasted northern areas smouldered in a grimy pall of tension and devastation yesterday, as African National Congress marshals patrolled the area pleading for peace and calm.

Police liaison officer Major Bill Dennis said at 7pm last night that the death toll stood at 46 — 42 in Port Elizabeth and four in Uitenhage.

Police have arrested 229 people for looting, plundering and burning in 120 cases.

It's much quieter today," he said.

Gelvan Park and Parkside residents had set up roadblocks at the entrance to their suburbs, however, in an effort to protect their properties.

"We're guarding our lives and our possessions," said a man who telephoned the Herald last night.

When asked if there was any immediate threat to his home, he said: "No. It's very quiet. Like a Sunday afternoon."

Uitenhage's outlying areas were described by residents as being "quiet but very tense" at 7pm.

Burning and looting continued in the town yesterday, after breaking out in the night.

"It has calmed down now, but people are scared it will break out later tonight," said one resident.

The Northern Areas Coordinating Committee (NACC) said the spread of violence was on the downswing following a rally yesterday. It warned, however, against the effects of the vast plundering of looting.

"We call on people to remain calm, return to their properties and clean up their areas. The situation is under control," it said.

Major Dennis said there had been sporadic incidents in Central Street, Korsten, during the day. Police action had been taken, but it was relatively quiet.

"Police have arrested 229 people for looting, plundering and burning in 120 cases."

He said that in Port Elizabeth, 18 shops had been burnt or looted, five civilian vehicles had been burnt and seven schools damaged by fire.

A public library, three petrol stations, eight private houses and a post office were also damaged.

At Livingstone Hospital, there were glances of dry blood at the entrance to the casualty department.

Inside, a man lay motionless on his back, his shirt and trousers caked in congealing blood.

Streams of blood were dripping down the face of another man hobbling along the passage. Another had been shot in the ankle.

"I'd say 80% of the injured were victims of alcohol," said a doctor.

"There were many injuries — 200 to 300 from burchani — and on one day 30 died," the doctor said.

He said he believed the official death toll was inaccurate, but Major Dennis said: "There is no way we can juggle the figures. We have to sign for the bodies before they go to the police mortuary."

A spokesman for the Red Cross said volunteers had been very busy in the casualty department at Livingstone on Thursday night.

"We treated people with gunshot wounds and burns. Quite a few of them were under the influence of liquor."

Industries and schools are expected to be fully operative on Monday, and a proposed worker stayaway will not take place.

Many residents reported for work yesterday, while

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THIKRULLAH
"Whoever turns away from My Remembrance, for him is adversity and we shall resurrect him blind on the Day of Qiyamah." (Qur'aan)

Adversity and calamity will engulf Muslims when they abandon Allah's Thikr. Allah's Thikr enlivens the hearts of Believers.

attacks on Thursday which saw thousands of residents burn vigilante groups to protect their properties.

"We have encouraged people to form street committees and patrol their areas in the light of the amount of liquor which has been looted."

"We don't want people to take up offensive positions or man roadblocks."

The NACC said the residents' demands for the immediate appointment of Mr Joe Slingers and for the rental issue to be addressed had still to be met.

In Uitenhage, an emergency centre was set up by the Uitenhage Interim Coordinating Committee, at John Walter High School yesterday in help victims of the unrest.

Members of the committee were also going into troubled areas, urging people to go home and not

to burn or loot, said the chairman, Mr Johnny Lindoor.

He said shaven owners had also been asked not to sell liquor.

A public meeting was held in the area yesterday. Calm and peace were called for, and an inter-denominational prayer meeting for peace was held last night.

Mr Lindoor said in a statement yesterday that the community had a number of grievances.

These included "an acute shortage of housing, sports, and a total lack of sports and recreational facilities."

The "rotten education system" and the establishment of a quarter camp, sanctioned by the Labour Party-controlled Coloured Management Committee were also factors, he said.

SEVERE TRIALS

The Qur'aan Shareef says: "Beware of a severe trial which will overtake only the wrong-doers. And know that verily, Allah is severe of punishment."

When the learned and the pious in a community become complacent towards the evils and transgression which the people commit, then the Wrath of Allah Ta'ala becomes justifiable for the whole community—good and bad.

It is the incumbent duty of the Ulama and the elders to constantly admonish people and to call them to righteousness. It is Waajib upon them to prohibit evil and warn people of the Aakhirah. When they fail in this obligatory duty, Allah Ta'ala will involve them all in trials and calamities.

The Hadith of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) informs us that when

Amr Bil Ma'ruf Nahy Anil Munkar is neglected, Allah Ta'ala will impose trials and misery over the people. Such tyrants will hold sway, who will show neither mercy to little ones nor respect to elders. When the trials of calamity befall the community, the pious ones will make du'a, but their supplication will go by unheard by Allah Ta'ala.

The Ulama will be rendering the community a great favour of love by constantly drawing the attention of people to the evils they commit. As long as the Ulama are steadfast in this obligation, Insha'Allah, the community will be saved from such trials which will utterly demoralize and destroy it.

It does not matter if the feelings of people are hurt or if people take offence when they are admonished for their evils. They do not understand the great favour rendered to them by the Naseehat of the Ulama.

Police liaison officer Major Bill Dennis said at 7pm last night that the death toll stood at 46 — 42 in Port Elizabeth and four in Uitenhage.

Police have arrested 229 people for looting, plundering and burning in 120 cases.

It's much quieter today," he said.

Gelvan Park and Parkside residents had set up roadblocks at the entrance to their suburbs, however, in an effort to protect their properties.

"We're guarding our lives and our possessions," said a man who telephoned the Herald last night.

When asked if there was any immediate threat to his home, he said: "No. It's very quiet. Like a Sunday afternoon."

Uitenhage's outlying areas were described by residents as being "quiet but very tense" at 7pm.

Burning and looting continued in the town yesterday, after breaking out in the night.

Since it has been established beyond doubt that prosperity and success are confined to the perscriptions of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam), it devolves as a necessary obligation upon our Muslim brethren to abandon their neglect, ignorance and indolence. It is incumbent on them to utilize the divine and proven perscriptions so that they emerge successful in both this world and the Aakhirah.

There is neither succour nor refuge for Muslims other than the literal adoption of the Shariah. Hadhrat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanvi (rahmatullah alayhi) said in this regard: "Whoever will believe in the correctness of Rasulullah's (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) diagnosis and adopt his perscription, will acknowledge the efficacy and swiftness of cure of the divine remedy."

Burning tyres, looters on the rampage

De Klerk concerned

PRETORIA — The State President, Mr F W de Klerk, expressed "serious concern" yesterday about the unrest in the country, especially in townships near Port Elizabeth.

At a Press conference held after he met homeland leaders, Mr de Klerk called for an end to the "senseless violence and vandalism" and for the restoration of peace.

He conveyed the Government's condolences to the next of kin of those who had died in the unrest and to those who had suffered losses. — Sapa

TRANSGRESSORS

"O MY NATION! SEEK FORGIVENESS FROM YOUR CREATOR AND TURN TO HIM. HE WILL SEND RAIN IN ABUNDANCE TO YOU AND HE WILL INCREASE YOU IN STRENGTH. DO NOT TURN YOUR BACKS AS TRANSGRESSORS." (Qur'aan)

"Allah will not destroy the cities because of (people's) transgression while the inhabitants are engaged in reforming (themselves and others)." (Qur'aan)



A blackened supermarket trolley is surrounded by burning tyres and rubbish used to form a barricade in Highfield Road.



DO NOT BE BEGUILLED

Beguled on the one side by errant Muslims flabbily following the left-wing political organizations, and fear on the other side for the acts of anarchy of these organizations, many Muslims feel intimidated to throw in their lot with the anarchists. Others again are in a quandary, knowing not which direction to take. Islam offers a clear direction. No facet of the Muslim's life has been left in the dark. Joining in the activities of these non-Muslim political movements bring about ruin to Imaan and Aakhirah. Islamic beliefs are corrupted, Islamic practices are contaminated and destroyed, and Islamic morals are abandoned while the selfish and bestial morality of the kauffaar is adopted.

NO FRIEND

"If you had to follow their desires after Knowledge has come to you, there will then be neither friend nor protector for you from Allah's side." (Qur'aan)

By following the nafsaani desires of people, Muslims will not be able to save themselves from trials and calamities. Allah's Friendship and Protection are assured for us when we have introduced Allah's Shariah into our daily lives.

A youth hurts a burning tyre onto a street barricade in Durban Road, Korsten — the scene of shooting, petrol-bombing and looting yesterday. Barricades, most of them with burning tyres, were set up by residents in most major roads into the northern areas by rioting residents. In an effort to stop the police entering the area, several vehicles were burnt in the area.

Northern Areas clergy urge restraint

By RAYMOND HARTLE
CLERGY in the Port Elizabeth Northern Areas have appealed to "the police and all other armed people" to act with "utmost restraint."

In a statement issued yesterday, the ministers also expressed concern that the violence had spread to Uitenhage.

"We believe that enough lives have already been lost."

"It is our sincere prayer that the situation will return to normal."

The clergy, members of the Northern Areas Ministers' Forum, represent Anglican, Methodist, Lutheran, Baptist, Congregational, Moravian, Catholic, Volkskerk, Reformed Church in Africa and NG Sendingkerk congregations.

The ministers said the situation "appears to be developing into a class and religious conflict."

They said they would be meeting Moslem leaders to prevent any outbreak of religious confrontation.

They expressed alarm and discontent at the violence and anarchy which prevailed during the week-long township crisis.

"We absolutely deplore both the unnecessary use of weapons by the police which resulted in the senseless loss of life, as well as the senseless looting and arson by certain uncontrolled people."

The clergy said while the crisis had been sparked off through the proposed rent increases, it had provided a springboard for underlying problems such as:

- The unresolved Joe Slingers affair.
- High levels of unemployment.
- Poor socio-economic conditions.
- The box-type housing in extension 31.

The clergy called "upon all the authorities" to give urgent attention to the grievances.

They also asked the municipality to refrain "from taking decisions for our people without prior consultation with the legitimate and recognised representatives."

"We appeal for calm, tolerance and restraint by all."

The ministers said all churches in the townships have been asked to focus their Sunday worship on this week's events and to encourage people to act responsibly.

They said food distribution centres had been set up and relief agencies would be approached to help distribute basic necessities.

A sub-committee was also examining arrangements for the funerals of the over 40 victims of the unrest.

The ministers thanked volunteer workers at the field hospitals, the Midland Chamber of Industries and community organisations for their "invaluable" contributions this week.

THE ROLE OF THE POLICE

We have both praise and criticism for the role of the police in the recent situation of violence and unrest.

Our comments are restricted to the role played by the police in relation to the rioting. Grievances which people have against the police do not form part of the subject under discussion here. Therefore, both our praise and criticism apply to police action in the week of anarchy and chaos which we have just passed by.

We have been in the midst of the violence and have actively participated in the action to defend our lives and properties. We have witnessed with our own eyes the activities of the political anarchists making use of hoodlums. We have also seen with our own eyes the role the police played in these disturbances. We are, therefore, the most suitably qualified to comment and pass judgment on the police during the period of violence.

The aftermath of the anarchy confirms that the police were unable to deal with riots of such magnitude as we have witnessed the past week. The facts speak for themselves. With 78 shops looted and burnt, 40 police vehicles damaged by mobsters, the entire Northern Areas in which reside a quarter million people becoming inaccessible, main roads rendered impassable, rampaging mobs, looting at leisure and conspicuous absence of police presence, no one will doubt that the police cannot cope with riotous situations of the degree and proportion which had gripped Port Elizabeth for a week.

Beleaguered shop owners phoned repeatedly for police to be sent out to protect their shops which were threatened with imminent destruction. Sad to say, police invariably made their appearance only after the devastation was wrought. This was a pattern throughout the disturbances. This pattern is incomprehensible.

Logistically, it was possible for the police to have contained the situation if they had established their presence in the troubled zone. The business set-up in the Northern Areas consists of shopping complexes. Here are no isolated shops as one would find in rural areas. Shopping centres worth millions of rands are found in the various areas. If the police had stationed themselves permanently at the various shopping centres, the shops could not have come under the attack of the riots which were undoubtedly the work of political anarchists.

It was clear to everyone that the business community in these areas was being singled out for pillage and plunder. Houses were not attacked. It was, therefore, the bounden duty of the police to have moved in swiftly to secure the safety of the business premises in these areas. Such action was relatively simple because each shopping centre required the presence of only one or two police vehicles. The situation would have been different today if the police had stationed themselves at the various shopping complexes.

The riot squad was not required for patrolling exercises. Its presence was needed to protect shopping centres threatened with destruction.

We can assure the police, that if the riot squad was placed under our command during the period of senseless violence, the scores of shops would not have been looted and gutted by mobs. We would have known exactly where to station the Caspirs and the various riot vehicles. It was of no avail for a Caspir to put in an appearance, survey the situation for 15 minutes and then depart. The mobs are too aware of these moves of the Caspirs. The moment the Caspir departs, the mobs regroup to perpetrate their pernicious misdeeds.

Such an important artery as Stanford Road was rendered impassable. The road was sealed by the police because mobsters had erected barricades all along the main route. In spite of this being such an important main road, the police could not summon the municipality to remove the barricades. Such work could have been executed under police guard immediately the barricades went up. If the main road was

secured by the police, it would have acted as a major dampener for the frenzy of the anarchists. The fact that the mobs achieved to capture the vast Northern Areas indicates the extent to which the police lost control. We say without fear of contradiction that it was a relatively simple task to remove the barricades and to have held Stanford Road open if the police had commissioned a few municipal trucks and bull-dozers to clear the road. In fact, if there was police protection we could have executed this task quite simply.

Along Stanford Road there are a few vulnerable points from whence the mobs can resort to stone-throwing. All the police had to do was to station Caspirs at these points. Their presence would have sufficed to drive away mobs of hoodlums bent on stone-throwing.

If there was a shortage of Caspirs available, then it was the duty of the authorities to send in the military as a back-up service. It was not much of a help to send in the Buffels after all the devastation was accomplished by the godless politicians hiding behind the gangsters and the skollie elements.

Then again, if we study the deployment of the caspirs and the Buffels, we discern a great discrepancy. Malabar, the affluent township, enjoyed the protection of about six Buffels and three Caspirs. Such a strong police and military presence was not needed in Malabar. The Defenders who defended their properties in the Northern Areas are almost all the residents of Malabar. They know better the situation which prevailed in the Northern Areas than those residents of Malabar who were in complete safety in the protected township of Malabar. Furthermore, a very large number of people in Malabar are well-armed. As soon as word of the violence was received, the Malabar residents formed themselves into vigilante groups and patrolled the entire area. The residents were fully in position to cope in Malabar.

To prevent the violence spilling into Malabar, so many police and military vehicles were not necessary at the time. While the residents of Malabar and ourselves are grateful to the police to have taken the steps to ensure the protection of the township, we do feel that an error was committed in the deployment of the Caspirs and the Buffels. These vehicles had to be deployed in places where their need was urgent and of greater need and importance.

Then there are the allegations of police mishandling of the rent-protest gathering. We are not in position to comment on this aspect as we were not eye-witnesses to the happenings. We have no first hand information in this regard.

The police have been called on to adopt a 'low profile' and not to 'provoke' the masses. Some will say that police presence incense the masses and stir them to the type of frenzied and barbaric behaviour which we have witnessed in the P.E. rioting. In so far as police presence is concerned with regard to the recent violence, these charges are utterly baseless. In fact, we can say that in the recent disturbances the 'low profile' of the police is not only questionable, but is deplorable taking into account the huge losses and the general devastation and destruction.

We were eye-witnesses to police activity during the unrest. The fact that so many police vehicles could be stoned and attacked with impunity is indicative of the 'low profile' attitude of the police and the belligerent mood of the mobs. In at least one case we witnessed a Caspir policeman being stoned. The three policemen turned and ran towards the Caspir while the other police on the Caspir made mock gestures of shooting in an attempt to drive away the mob. In the four days when Muslims were defending their shops, we did not see a single tear-gas canister being fired in spite of the presence of threatening mobs which were brazen enough to come menacingly in close proximity to the Caspirs. On several occasions we observed the police initiating attempts at dialogue with mob

ring-leaders in attempts to defuse the situation. The discussion between police officers and often mob-leaders was invariably good natured with the mobsters occasionally using vulgar language which the police ignored. In spite of being subjected to torrents of abuse and vile epithets, we must say in all fairness that the police showed restraint.

We cannot accept that in the recent violence the police misbehaved. We were eye-witnesses. We were in the thick of it. No outsider can ask us to discount what we have seen and what we know at first hand.

It is indeed most unfair and unjust to lay the blame at the doors of the police. Very little is said of the politicians who ignited the conflagration. Passing reference is made to the skollie element. In fact causes are advanced to water down the villainy of the misdeeds of the hoodlums while a great issue is being made out of the police presence which some quite erroneously say incense the people. Hoodlums and gangsters and anarchists are incensed at police presence. They will, therefore, utilize all sorts of methods to bring pressure on the police to adopt a 'low profile' so that they enjoy a free run to perpetrate their deeds of evil and anarchy. But, the authorities whose responsibility it is to maintain law and order should not react or succumb to such pressure. They have the duty to protect and save. They should not be unduly concerned with mis-directed criticism whether nationally or internationally. If the authorities succumb to such pressures and are more concerned about world opinion than the maintenance of law and order, then the forces of anarchy will gain the upperhand as they have well-demonstrated in the recent P.E. violence.

Another important dimension in this episode is the formation of vigilante groups to protect life and property. Police usually do not look with favour on the formation of such groups. But, they should realize that when the police themselves are unable to maintain law and order, be that for whatever reason, ordinary law-abiding citizens have no alternative but to resort to measures in order to protect themselves, their families and their properties. No honourable person can stand by idly while everything dear and holy to him is being plundered and pillaged by unruly mobs of barbarians.

If the forces responsible for the maintenance of law and order can provide adequate protection, the need for vigilante groups will be obviated. It is of no use telling us that everything is under control. When the fires of violence have simmered down everything will appear calm and under control. But when the anarchy again flares up, there will be a repeat of the villainy which we have witnessed last week in Port Elizabeth.

There is much for us all, including the police, to learn from the unrest and violence. Lessons should be learnt and strategies evolved to avoid a repeat of the senseless anarchy, destruction and devastation.

THE TRUE CULPRITS

According to newspaper reports the police have said that criminals have hijacked the riots. This may be so. While criminals played a prominent role in the actual acts of looting and arson, the true engineers were some others—the political anarchists. Those who had plotted these riots are worse criminals than the ordinary hoodlum. While the street criminals may have 'hijacked' the riots, the riots were started by political criminals to achieve their political goals.

WHEN THEY BELIEVED, WE REMOVED THE DISGRACEFUL PUNISHMENT FROM THEM IN THIS WORLDLY LIFE AND WE BESTOWED TO THEM COMFORT UNTIL AN APPOINTED TIME (UNTIL DEATH)."
(QUR'AN)

ISLAMIC AUTOCRACY

It is not the function of Muslims to strive for the removal of a non-Muslim government to enable another non-Muslim government to assume power. Clamouring for voting rights on behalf of the 'silent majority' is not an Islamic demand. Islam does not believe in western and socialist democracy. Assuming that Allah Ta'ala one day grants political power to Muslims in this country, voting rights to the masses—Muslims as well as non-Muslims—will not be granted by the Shariah. The Islamic system is autocratic rule, not democracy.

MUSLIM IDENTITY

To combat mob-violence, residents in the various Northern Areas had hastily set themselves up in vigilante groups. While this was a very good development, we must give some words of advice to Muslims.

In the Coloured areas Muslims are living side by side with Christians and in the Indian areas we are living alongside Hindus. It is the desire of Muslims as well as the teaching of Islam that we should live in harmony with our neighbours and be helpful wherever possible. However, our relationship with non-Muslim communities should not induce us to operate beyond the ambit of the Shariah. Muslims are under religious obligation to abide by the principles and teachings of the Deen. Hence, while mutual assistance and co-operation are permissible, good and even necessary, it is not Islamically permissible for Muslims to blur their Deeni identity and be assimilated by any other group.

It is essential for Muslims to maintain their separate identities along religious lines. The division will not be a racial one. It will, however, be on the basis of religion.

Islamic moral conduct differs widely from the moral codes of other religious groups. Therefore, there cannot be compatibility between the two divergent codes. In all activities in a Muslim's life, the Shariah is the determinant. The Muslim has to compulsorily conduct his life in all spheres in strict accord with the Shariah. This is not possible in a group consisting of members of different religious persuasions.

At all times a Muslim has to involve himself in Thikrullah. This has greater importance in times of distress. The Muslim has to perform his five daily Salaat. The Muslim is not permitted to participate in conversation which conflicts with Islam's moral code. The Muslim has to guard his tongue, ears and eyes from all things which are haram in the Shariah. His approach and methods differ from those of non-Muslims.

In view of such religious, cultural and moral differences Muslims cannot join in groups consisting of members of other religions. The various groups can liaise and co-operate. Muslims should, however, form their own separate groups and in all their activities submit to the Shariah.

ASSISTANCE

Q. Since it is not permissible according to the Shariah to participate in the political activities of non-Muslim organizations, what does the Shariah say about assisting them?

A. All such assistance which is lawful in Islam may be rendered to any non-Muslim political organization or to any non-Muslim individual. Acts of charity and humanitarian assistance are teachings of Islam. Thus, it is permissible for Muslims to contribute financially to political bodies in charitable avenues and humanitarian causes. However, Zakaat and other forms of Waajib Sadqaq may not be channelled in such avenues. It is also permissible for Muslims to address genuine grievances, Appeals, discussions and petitions to the authorities may be made. However, any activity which Muslims wish to launch against injustice, should be executed within the confines of the Shariah and without collusion with others. In an effort to rectify injustices, Muslims are not permitted to participate in anarchy and strife. Hatred and malice should never be the motives for action.

Joining in protest meetings, taking part in marches, strikes and the like in joint action with non-Muslims are not permissible methods for Muslims.

THE MUSLIM'S STAND

The stance of the Muslim community should be well understood and not misinterpreted. There will be those who will attempt to deliberately misrepresent our stand in an endeavour to make us appear antagonistic towards the legitimate grievances of people. People should not be duped by such disinformation and false propaganda.

The Muslim community is a religious group. As such it staunchly abides by the principles and teachings of Islam. Of uppermost concern to us is the Shariah—the Law of Allah Ta'ala. We are not prepared to barter away our Deen for the sake of worldly

gain. It is our sacred duty to at all times strive to cultivate Allah's Pleasure even at the cost of our lives. While anarchy and mischief are abhorred by us, sacrifice of life and property for the sake of our Faith is considered a holy duty of exceptionally high merit. Therefore, no one should run away with the idea that our stand of dissociation is motivated by any weakness. We follow rigid principles of Islam and we cannot bend these to suit the whimsical fancies or the political demands and goals of people.

We are not lined up against any political body or any group, be it on

the right or on the left. We are not in opposition to the ANC or to the government. Our abstention from participation in left wing politics should not be construed as support for any unjust laws which emanate from the authorities. Similarly, our refusal to condone Muslim participation in governmental structures does not mean that we are the opponents of the government. Wrong, injustice and oppression are un-Islamic and repugnant whether these evils emanate from the government, the ANC, any other organization or even from Muslims.

Since our religious demands and

our moral code differ widely from all other systems of life, joining any particular group will not bring about harmony with us. Our life-styles and our religious laws are not compatible with the way of life and cultures of other groups. It is therefore best and in the interests of harmonious co-operation and good neighbourliness for us to remain on our separate Path and follow our religious ways and life-style.

We have no ill-designs towards others. We have no hidden agenda nor any selfish motives. In our stand people may brand us as fanatics. We welcome this designation. We choose

to remain fanatically devoted to our Deen—our Religion. We have absolutely no desire to become assimilated into the 'life-stream' of other groups.

Our religious law teaches us the value of life and the need to protect an honour, wealth and property of all people, whether they are Muslim or non-Muslim. We have lived all our life alongside non-Muslims and although we have rigidly held on to our Islamic identity, there was never the need for conflict. Our adherence to the rigid Islamic code of life does not breed conflict and enmity with others. We hope that all people will understand our stand and our message.

MUSLIMS DEVELOP YOUR IMĀN

A Mu'min devoid of spiritual development is a lifeless body. A Mu'min who has obliterated the remembrance of the Aakhirah lacks the power of the Root. A Muslim who is unconcerned with his moral progress will remain ever fearful and apprehensive in this world. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"Piety is an excellent moral character."

As long as Muslims adopt their present careless attitude towards the Deen, they should not expect the dark clouds of uncertainty overhanging them to dissipate. No amount of verbal expressions of belief will aid Muslims in the fortification of the Root which is of vital importance when confronted by godless enemies whose behaviour is sub-human. Conferences and meetings to express fraternal ties and to proclaim the unity of the Islamic brotherhood will not avail Muslims in the least if their souls have not been purified and adorned with the lofty attributes of Islamic moral excellence.

Muslims should reflect deeply. They are a small group in this country surrounded by enemies—godless men who will stop at nothing to achieve their political goals. In the endeavour to succeed in their political goals human life, honour, morality and property are of no consequence. Their weapon is plundering. Their way is to incite illiterate masses and to enlist the aid of immoral gangsters and scoundrels to further their aims and to achieve their political destination. In their nefarious attempts to gain political power they expect the Muslim community to submit to their unwholesome methods and to toe the line in spreading anarchy and chaos in the land. But Islam prevents us from associating with elements which are out to ruin civilization.

We must warn Muslims of this land that they will never be able to confront and overcome the threat and the callous misdeeds which emanate from people whose gaze is set on bringing change by plunder and pillage—by anarchy and chaos. Fear is an overwhelming demoralizer. It saps the strength of a nation. Fear must be banished from the Muslim's heart. But, we must loudly proclaim that fear will not leave the Muslim's heart as long as he continues in his headlong plunge in the abyss of moral degeneration. Not only moral degeneration, but also the bid'ah. Muslims must set right their Imaan and their A'maal. Allah's aid will then be with them.

It is imperative that Muslims embark on an immediate programme of Roohaani development. Every Muslim should examine his way of life and improve his Islamic character in all walks of his life. In this programme for

spiritual reinvigoration abundance of Nafl acts of Ibaadat is not the pivot. Some people labour under the impression that piety means abundance of Nafl Ibaadat. While such acts of Ibaadat are highly beneficial, they constitute only part of the perscription necessary for Muslim power and strength.

The ingredients of the Islamic Roohaani programme are the following vital factors:

(1) Rectification of Aqaa'id (Beliefs). Minus this, there is absolutely no hope for progress.

In achieving the correction of belief, Muslims should abandon their opinions and accept the Aqaa'id as they are propounded by the Ulama-e-Haqq. Their personal reasoning processes should be abandoned and the Aqaa'id as handed to the Ummah by the Sahaabah must be zealously and fanatically adhered to.

(2) Performance of the Five Daily Salaat with Jamaat wherever possible. No one has any valid excuse for neglecting the Fajr and Isha Jamaat. Almost everyone is at home at these times. But just look at the poor attendance at the Musjid. If Muslims lack the strength and determination to leave the warmth of their beds even after a night's sleep, to attend the Fajr Salaat in the Musjid, they should not expect their breasts to expand for the intake of Imaan power. It is of vital importance to establish Salaat with Jamaat. Where there is no Musjid or Jamaat Khaanaah in the vicinity, even two Muslims should establish Jamaat between themselves.

(3) Fulfilment of Hujooqul Ibaad. The rights and obligations of mankind and animalkind must be upheld and executed with the same reverence as is accorded to the acts of Ibaadat such as Salaat and Hajj.

There are numerous people who perform Salaat regularly, whose beliefs are correct, but whose relationship with others is deplorable. They ride roughshod over the rights of others. They involve themselves in Nafl acts of Ibaadat, but they show callous disregard for the rights of others. In the attempt to acquire wealth, they will smother the warnings of their Imaan conscience and destroy all the benefits of Nafl Ibaadat by usurping the rights of others. Such miserable conduct will not allow the heart of the Mu'min to expand for the acceptance of spiritual power which is so vital in the face of merciless and cruel opponents.

Just two examples of flagrant violation of Hujooqul Ibaad will be cited here. One: Deliberate evasion of debt. People incur debt and present a variety of excuses for non-payment. While they are by the means to indulge in all the luxuries obtainable, they convince themselves that they are unable to pay their debt. Two: Total disregard for Allah's Laws pertaining to inheritance. Even Ulama are victims of this evil. The heart is so attached to this worldly life, that a man attempts to control his wealth from even his grave. Wills in violation of the Shariah are today regarded as necessary by most Muslims, even by those who stand on the minbar proclaiming the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

Besides these two evils, there are many other acts of violation and usurpation of Hujooqul Ibaad in which Muslims are involved. No matter how much Ibaadat is offered, no matter how many acts of charity are practised, Allah's aid will be denied to those who violate the sanctity of the Hujooqul Ibaad.

(4) Abstention from haraam. In Islam abstention from sin has priority over acts of Nafl Ibaadat. It is of vital importance for spiritual development to refrain from all sins. Sins of the mind, sins of the eyes, sins of the ears, sins of the hands and sins of the feet destroy the moral fibre and the courage which Imaan should produce in the heart of the Mu'min. Disobedience to Allah Ta'ala invites His Wrath. His aid is withheld as a consequence of Muslim disobedience.

(5) Social conduct must be upheld. The feelings and the honour of others should never be violated. Do not speak spitefully and hurtfully. Adopt patience when you are abused and insulted. Do not involve in gheebat. Gheebat has been likened to the consumption of the dead corpses of Muslims. Do not do things unconsciously thereby inconveniencing others. In your conversation, be courteous and considerate of the feelings of others. Empty the heart of rancour and malice. The lustre of Imaan cannot subsist in a heart in which there exist these evils.

This brief outline will suffice for people of intelligence. There is no other way, no other avenue by which Muslims can attain success and protection. If Muslims of capability and spirit neither the police nor the military will be in position to assist us. Even in the recent disturbances which are relatively insignificant when observing the calamities in other countries, the police could not help save and protect the properties of people. The facts speak out loudly and clearly. Muslims must take lesson before it is too late.

ALLAH WILL ESTABLISH FIRMLY THE BELIEVERS WITH A STRONG WORLD IN THIS WORLD, LIFE AND IN THE AAKHIRAH. (QUR'AN)

NO CONFLICT

Certain elements, taking advantage of the total chaos which prevailed in the affected areas, sought to further destabilize the region by spreading false stories of Muslim-Christian conflict. An attempt was made to present a picture in which Muslim Defenders were singling out Christians for killing. Nothing was further from the truth than this pernicious plot.

The Defenders took action against marauding mobs from either within their business premises or from directly outside the premises. When barrages of stones were flung, the Defenders went into action against the mobs. The allegation of Muslim-Christian conflict is devoid of all truth.

The West End Shopping Centre houses a number of non-Muslim businesses as well as a post office. Muslim Defenders protected all the shops in the complex, whether Muslim or Christian. Numerous Christian residents in the area as well as the Christian shop-owners in the area came forward to express their thanks, appreciation and gratitude for the valiant service of protection rendered to their premises by the Muslim Defenders.

Anyone who has any doubt in this regard may verify the truth by questioning Christian shop owners and residents in the area.

ULAMA AND THE CLERGY

Since the defensive action against mob violence was initially and largely undertaken by Muslims, an impression of 'Holy War' against Christians was created in the quarters. As a result of this impression the Christian clergy of the P.E. Northern Areas voiced its concern. A meeting was sought with the Ulama to discuss matters and to defuse a potential dangerous development.

A delegation of four priests representing the Northern Areas Ministers' Forum met the Ulama in Port Elizabeth with a view to convene a meeting. The Ulama readily agreed. The Ministers wanted the meeting to be held urgently and they had fixed a church as the venue for the gathering.

The Ulama stated their position clearly. First it was explained to the delegation that Muslims are a religious community and they had to abide by strict religious principles. Three conditions were therefore stipulated by the Ulama for the meeting. These were:

- The meeting should neither be in a Musjid nor in a Church.
- The meeting should not be attended by ladies.
- There should be no interdenominational prayers.

The Ministers accepted our conditions and the meeting was held at a neutral venue on Tuesday 13th August 1990. About 20 members of the Ministers' Forum participated. The Muslim community was represented by five members of the Ulama.

The meeting was conducted in an amicable atmosphere. The fears of the Ministers were allayed and the Ulama made it very clear that all rumours of a 'Holy War' against Christians were devoid of the truth. Malicious elements were possibly endeavouring to further destabilize the already shattered areas and the highly volatile situation.

It was agreed to issue a joint press statement, which the meeting felt would go a long way to defuse the situation.

DIVINE PUNISHMENT

WHEN WE DECIDE TO DESTROY A PLACE WE INDUCE ITS AFFLUENT PEOPLE TO COMMIT EVIL. THE LAW IS THEN CONFIRMED ON THEM. WE THEN UTTERLY DESTROY THE PLACE. (QUR'AN)

Natural disasters, unrest situations, mob violence and oppressive rulers are all forms of Allah's punishment for an errant society. While lawful and civilized methods will be adopted to remedy the material or worldly causes of such developments, the lasting cure is to reform our spiritual and moral life. This is of prior and fundamental importance.

Without the acquisition of Allah's Pleasure there can never be a solution for the problems and the calamities. Allah Ta'ala states this very clearly in the Qur'aan Majeed. He says: "Verily, Allah will not change the condition which exists with a people until they do not change that (evil) which is in themselves."

Once the evil and corruption within ourselves have been eradicated, Allah Ta'ala will change the situations. As long as Muslims cannot understand this fact, they can forget about bettering their condition.

DEMOCRACY

One of the baseless arguments tendered by Muslim politicians to induce Muslims to join organizations on the left is that Islam stands for democracy or a system of government voted in by the people. This claim is far from the truth.

Islam does not advocate democracy. In Islam the masses have no share in the appointment of government. The Ulul Amr (the men of Islamic Knowledge and expertise)

DECEIVING MUSLIMS

Muslims are being misled by the deceptive arguments presented by floundering Muslim politicians who seek to beguile the community by arguing that since Islam stands against oppression and injustice, it is permissible and necessary to enlist as members of non-Muslim political parties and to participate in their activities. This argument has no validity in the Shariah.

These political organizations firstly consist of men of different kufr persuasions. Their leanings are not only un-Islamic, but at times anti-Islamic. It is common knowledge that the Shariah is not their constitution. Their political meetings and gatherings abound with haraam practices. What is lawful to them is unlawful to Muslims. Islam does not share in the political goals they are striving for. It is, therefore, not permissible for Muslims to operate under the direction of these organizations.

While these organizations are verbally committed to fight oppression, they are among the worst culprits perpetrating oppression even though they as yet do not enjoy political power. Intimidation, incitement, threats and violence against ordinary people are among their methods to achieve their aims. Muslims cannot be a party thereto.

THE QUR'AN SAYS

Verily, We have recorded in the Zaboor after the Decree (in Lih Mahfooz) that the earth will be inherited by My pious servants. (Qur'an)

Verily, the help of Allah is near. (Qur'aan)

They plot and Allah too plans. And, Allah is the best of planners. (Qur'aan)

appoint the Ameer by Shura (consultation) which is not a body brought into existence by universal franchise as errant and ignorant Muslims wish the masses to believe.

Islam advocates a government under the control of a single man—the Ameer—who will govern according to the Shariah, not according to the wishes of the people. The decision of the Ameer is final and binding on the entire Ummah.

IF YOU HELP ALLAH, THERE WILL BE NONE TO OVER-POWER YOU. AND, IF HE WITHHOLDS HIS AID FROM YOU, WHO THEN WILL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU BESIDES HIM? (QUR'AN)

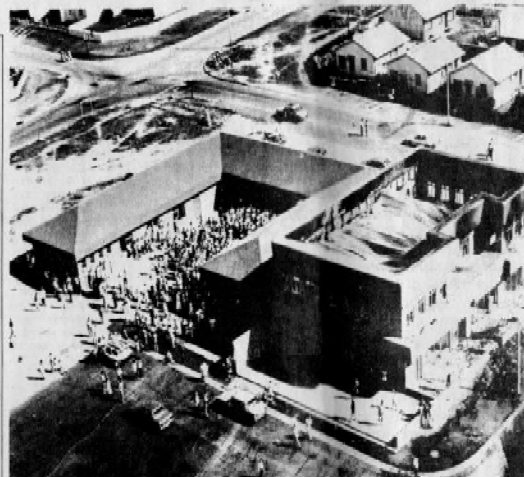
"Help Allah", is to assist in the Deen. Submission to the Shariah is to 'help' Allah. When the Muslim's life is imbued with Islamic character, Allah's aid will be with him. No one will then be in position to overwhelm him. But the naifs has blinded Muslims to such a degree that all remedies kuffaar offer for worldly success are accepted and experimented on. However, the perscription of Islam is not tried. Some who attempt to act by the perscription of Islam, do so partially, picking and choosing facets which appeal to them. The success promised by the Qur'aan cannot be achieved by partial adoption of the Shar' perscription for success and victory in both worlds.



An entire block of shops "taken out" by fire and looters in Gelvandale.

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DIVINE HELP



A crowd discusses the possible peace alternatives at a shattered shopping centre in Gelvandale.

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THE suburbs aflame

Six die in unrest as police battle to restore calm

By COLIN ANTHONY and MICHEL MULLER

POLICE confirmed last night that six people had been killed in the unrest in Port Elizabeth's Northern Areas, five of them as a direct result of police action.

And major industries in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage have been brought to a standstill as workers were unable to get to work.

Major Bill Dennis, police liaison officer, declined further comment on the police action. He said the sixth person was killed by a shopowner whose shop was being plundered by a mob on Tuesday night. He said the shopowner fired a shot into the crowd, killing one person.

The mayhem in Port Elizabeth Northern Areas spread to Schauderville and Korsten yesterday.

Smoke from burning rubble and vehicles was a common sight. As incidents died down in one area, more flared in others.

Korsten's Highfield Road was in a state of chaos yesterday afternoon, with two distinct groups — observers and participants.

Participants — those burning tyres, rubble or whatever they could lay their hands on — quickly dispersed whenever a police van appeared.

Further away from the core trouble spots, however, there was a definite tension and gloom in the air, especially among older people too afraid to go near.

Police vans and Camrups moved from incident to incident, vainly trying to restore order.

Barricades were set up, attracting police attention, and the mob dispersed rapidly, only to gather again elsewhere to burn another barricade.

Police fired on numerous occasions, using birdshot in their dungans, according to Major Dennis.

A police van was burnt in Dismore Road, just off Highfield Road.

According to bystanders, police had left the van and moved about 500 metres away where a crowd had gathered. They said the police shot into the crowd, and then the vehicle had been burnt.

As the van was burning, police reinforcements arrived and fired a number of shots at the crowd. At least one person was seen to be injured, and a bystander confirmed this.

Tyres, concrete blocks, bricks, rocks, pieces of water piping — whatever the mob could lay their hands on, including a supermarket trolley — littered almost every intersection on Highfield, Durban and adjoining roads.

The Herald noted two damaged business premises in Korsten. One belonged to a doctor, and the other was Highfield Wholesale Meat Supplies, owned by former member of the President's Council, Mr. Abdul Tiry.

In the Kleinsand area, a cafe and other shops downstairs were hit. Police believed people were trapped upstairs, said Major Dennis. "But when the fire department and police arrived on the scene, it was found that the people were too afraid of the mob to come down."

"Once the police arrived and the crowd dispersed, they left on their own," he said.

In Standard Road, which was closed off by barricades and police roadblocks, a man who seemed to be unconscious was seen lying on the ground with a crowd around him. A car pulled up, the man was loaded onto the truck, and it drove off.

A row of shops on Gelvandale's Kobsus Road was burnt and looted by a huge crowd. Most of the crowd fled when a police helicopter flew overhead, but some stayed and continued looting.

The Herald saw a little girl, probably aged about six, hurling objects into one of the shops.

And the Northern Areas Co-ordinating Committee (NACC) and the Gelvandale branch of the African National Congress have called a meeting at the Gelvandale Stadium at 3pm today.

A spokesman said grievances would be discussed at the meeting and an appeal for calm would be issued.

The spokesman said an NACC delegation had again met with police yesterday and appealed to them to "play a key role."

"Their presence definitely sparks the people off," he said.

Allegations of indiscriminate firing were denied by Major Dennis. "Under no circumstances was the firing indiscriminate," he said.

"Police firing was controlled, with specific targets in their sights," he said.

ALLAH'S CALL

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RIOT-TORN NORTHERN AREAS

PE Northern Areas were like a 'Beirut in die Baai'

By GEOFFREY ALLEN

"BEIRUT in die Baai" is how residents were describing the Port Elizabeth Northern Areas yesterday, and that's how it looked.

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Police

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Weekend Post Reporter

A TELEPHONE number for those who have information about rioters and looters in the northern areas has been made available by police.

Residents can phone 46939 ext 259 with their information.

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Weekend Post Reporters

A TIRED calm returned to Port Elizabeth's riot-torn Northern Areas today after a four-day orgy of violence and destruction which left 42 people dead and 274 arrested.

It is estimated that the riots have left more than 600 injured.

Despite the general atmosphere of uneasy calm worried residents continued to patrol their neighbourhoods this morning, some armed with sticks and pipes, ready to drive back rumoured potential attacks from other suburbs.

PE municipal workers started the big clean up today accompanied by police and army patrols.

Members of ANC-aligned action committees went around today appealing to residents over loudspeakers to return home in an attempt to reduce tensions and restore security.

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A STAYAWAY planned for Monday in Port Elizabeth has been called off.

The stayaway, to highlight grievances of northern areas residents, has been postponed in an effort to return the situation to normal.

"The call for Monday is normally," Coasta's local secretary, Mr. Phil Gouda, said.

Everyone must go back to work with full production and schools must be open.

Millions of rands in wages and production had been lost since Monday as companies closed when employees couldn't come to work, spokesmen said.

It seems to be a case of 'have-nots' against the 'haves'.

Another Schauderville resident said he saw people looting a shop owned by a Chinese man "even though some of them had grown up with the owner — that was really heartbreaking."

A West End resident said a lot of vagrants had been swept into the crime.

She did not believe there was organised gangster violence but opportunists had used the chaos as an excuse to take what they could get.

Highfield Road was a scene of devastation yesterday with scorched buildings and the belongings of looting.

Saga reports that in Johannesburg, Mr. Hendricks said today South Africa could not enter a period of negotiation unless the violence in the country ceased.

The LP leader, reacting to the violence in the PE and Uitenhage areas, appealed to those in leadership positions to help bring an end to the violence.

Earlier, he had made a similar appeal to Mr. Nelson Mandela.

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WITH HIS HELP

"When they (Mu'mineen) confronted Jaloot and his armies, they said:

'O our Rabb! Bestow on us Sabr, plant our feet firmly and help us against the nation of unbelievers.' (Qur'aan)

Islamic history abounds with episodes of this nature. Small groups, surrounded by enemies faced and vanquished large hordes. All achievement is accomplished only with aid from Allah and not by the effort and valour of anyone. The Mu'min's gaze should forever be on Allah Azza Wa Jal. This is his source of strength.

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